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A FURTHER ANALYSIS ACCORDING TO AGE, SEX, AND COLOR OF THE RECORDS OF MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY OBTAINED IN SURVEYS OF 12 LOCALITIES

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### Introduction

This report, one of a series of papers from this office on the epidemiology of influenza, is devoted to a discussion of the incidence of the disease in the different sex, age, and color groups of the population during the 1918-19 epidemic, as indicated by surveys made at that time by the United States Public Health Service in certain localities. Summaries of the results obtained in these surveys were published shortly after the surveys were finished;<sup>1</sup> but, as a further contribution to the epidemiological studies of the disease, it seems desirable to give a more detailed account of the results at this time.

The Public Health Service conducted special surveys in a number of widely scattered localities as soon as the 1918-19 epidemic in these

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<sup>1</sup> Influenza in Maryland: Preliminary Statistics of Certain Localities. By W. H. Frost and Edgar Sydenstricker. Pub. Health Rep., Mar. 14, 1919. Reprint No. 510.

Epidemiology of Influenza. By W. H. Frost and Edgar Sydenstricker. Pub. Health Rep., Aug. 13, 1919. Reprint No. 550. (Reprinted from J. A. M. A., vol. 73, No. 5, Aug. 2, 1919.)

Statistics of Influenza Morbidity, with Special Reference to Certain Factors in Case Incidence and Case Fatality. By W. H. Frost. Pub. Health Rep., Mar. 12, 1920. Reprint No. 586.

Variations in Case Fatality during the Influenza Epidemic of 1918. By Edgar Sydenstricker. Pub. Health Rep., Sept. 9, 1921. Reprint No. 692.

A list of epidemiological studies of influenza made by the Public Health Service will be found at the end of this article.

places appeared to have reached its close. The purpose was to determine for a population of known sex, age, and color composition the approximate incidence of the disease in sample areas of a number of widely scattered localities, and also to determine the relations between cases of influenza, cases of pneumonia, and deaths from these causes in so far as the number of observations would permit.

It was necessary to limit the surveys for the most part to localities in which the Public Health Service was at the time maintaining previously established organizations prepared to collect the requisite data reliably and efficiently; but in so far as practicable, the communities were chosen to represent the different geographical sections of the United States. Reference to Table 1 will show that, with the exception of the far West, this object was accomplished in a reasonably satisfactory manner. San Francisco was the only city west of San Antonio, Tex., and Des Moines, Iowa.

The survey included (a) 10 cities, varying in population from 22,500 to 680,000; (b) certain small towns of Maryland; and (c) one rural county of Maryland. The minor towns surveyed in Maryland are usually treated as a single statistical group in this report. In the case of Charles County, the entire population, rather than a sample of it, was made the basis of the survey. This particular survey was made by employees of the U. S. Bureau of the Census, funds having been transferred to that bureau by the Public Health Service for the purpose. The data were tabulated and analyzed by the Public Health Service. Although the canvass included the whole county, one of 12 enumeration districts was later dropped from the records, owing to the presence of a proving ground (Indianhead) which made that district unrepresentative of a general population.

In the case of Louisville, the canvass was made before the wave of the epidemic had run its full course; but in all the other localities the canvass is believed to have comprised practically the whole of the epidemic period. In Baltimore and San Francisco second surveys were made in January and February, respectively, to obtain a record of recrudescences which had taken place in the interval. The cases occurring during these recrudescences are included in the data here reported.

In the case of Spartanburg, S. C., some time after the completion of the canvass in the city itself, an additional survey was made of adjacent mill villages. These villages had a disproportionately large population of one selected class—mill workers—and for this reason the Spartanburg data are not altogether comparable with those collected in other localities.

The canvasses were made as soon as possible after the subsidence of the autumn (1918) wave of the epidemic in each locality. The following table will show the dates on which the surveys were begun and ended:

TABLE 1.—Localities in which 1918-19 surveys were made, with dates of surveys, estimated total populations, and number of persons canvassed

Locality	Dates of canvass		Total population (estimated) <sup>1</sup>	Population canvassed	
	Begun	Completed		Number of persons	Per cent of total population
New London, Conn.-----	Dec. 2, 1918	Dec. 18, 1918	25,000	7,933	31.7
Baltimore, Md.-----	Nov. 20, 1918	Jan. 31, 1919 <sup>2</sup>	680,000	33,361	4.9
Minor Maryland towns: <sup>3</sup>					
Cumberland-----	Dec. 1, 1918	Dec. 6, 1918	27,300	5,194	19.0
Frederick-----	Nov. 27, 1918	Nov. 30, 1918	11,340	2,311	20.4
Lonsconing-----	Dec. 4, 1918	Dec. 11, 1918	2,000	1,730	86.5
Salisbury-----	Dec. 10, 1918	Dec. 12, 1918	9,000	1,727	19.2
Downsville <sup>4</sup>	Dec. 7, 1918	do-----	850	718	84.4
Linganore District (Frederick Co.) <sup>4</sup>	Nov. 29, 1918	do-----	1,000	688	68.8
Quantico <sup>4</sup>	Dec. 1, 1918	Dec. 10, 1918	2,000	114	5.7
Charles County, Md.-----	( <sup>5</sup> )	( <sup>5</sup> )	<sup>6</sup> 18,326	<sup>7</sup> 18,326	100.0
Spartanburg, S. C.-----	Dec. 5, 1918	Dec. 31, 1918	22,500	5,257	23.4
Augusta, Ga.-----	Feb. 1, 1919	Feb. 8, 1919	55,000	4,123	7.5
Macon, Ga.-----	Dec. 4, 1918	Dec. 14, 1918	50,000	7,905	15.8
Des Moines, Iowa-----	Jan. 31, 1919	Feb. 8, 1919	115,000	5,857	5.1
Louisville, Ky.-----	Dec. 6, 1918	Dec. 27, 1918	245,000	12,002	4.9
Little Rock, Ark.-----	Dec. 2, 1918	Jan. 13, 1919	65,000	9,920	15.3
San Antonio, Tex.-----	Dec. 5, 1918	Dec. 22, 1918	150,000	12,534	8.4
San Francisco, Calif.-----	do-----	Feb. 21, 1919 <sup>8</sup>	475,000	18,682	3.9

<sup>1</sup> Estimated as of July 1, 1918; revised on the basis of other data.

<sup>2</sup> The population included in survey made in November and December was recanvassed in January in order to record cases occurring during a recrudescence of the epidemic.

<sup>3</sup> Total number of persons canvassed in minor Maryland towns was 12,482.

<sup>4</sup> Rural area.

<sup>5</sup> Census as of Mar. 12, 1919.

<sup>6</sup> Actual count in February-March, 1919.

<sup>7</sup> One enumeration district was later excluded from the study (see p. 304), leaving data for 16,147 canvassed persons.

<sup>8</sup> The population included in survey made in November and December was recanvassed in February in order to record cases occurring during a recrudescence of the epidemic.

The population estimates contained in the third column of Table 1 require some comment. Since the epidemic occurred while this country was at war, a number of factors (principally the withdrawal of males for military service) tend to make population estimates more than usually unreliable in the present instance.<sup>2</sup> By the time of the 1920 census the unusual distribution had given way to a more normal one. An estimate based on the 1910 and the 1920 censuses will thus not afford a reliable indication of the population of individual localities in the fall of 1918. Indeed, a satisfactory estimate is impossible, however it be derived. But since the data here presented deal almost entirely with actually enumerated populations in sample areas, estimates of the total population are employed in only a few instances. The estimates adopted for use in the table are based on a number of factors, including an intercensal estimate of the population (calculated arithmetically), allowance having been made for the withdrawal of males for military service; population estimates based on the normal death rates from all causes, exclusive of respiratory infections; infor-

<sup>2</sup> This question has been given detailed consideration in the article, "Difficulties in Computing Civil Death Rates for 1918", by Edgar Sydenstricker and Mary L. King. Public Health Reports, Feb. 13, 1920. Reprint No. 583.

mation secured by Public Health Service officers located in the individual localities; and other available information.

Data were collected by intelligent inspectors working under specific instructions and careful supervision. In each locality these inspectors made a house-to-house canvass in 10 or more enumeration districts so situated geographically as to give, presumably, a fair sample of the general population of the city. Each district contained approximately the same number of families. Homes at which information was not available when the inspector called (owing to the absence of the adults, or for other reasons) were not counted. The effort was made to canvass in each city not less than 5,000 persons, in order to give a group sufficient for simple statistical analyses, and in cities of more than 100,000 population to increase this number so as to give not less than 5 per cent of the total population. These conditions were generally fulfilled.

Regarding each individual in the canvassed populations, the inspectors recorded the name, color, sex, and age at last birthday; whether or not sick since September 1, 1918, with "influenza," "pneumonia," or illness suspected to be influenza (classed as "doubtful"); date of onset, duration, and severity of such illnesses (whether "severe," "moderate," or "light"); and date of death, if death resulted. Regarding each household, the inspectors recorded the number of rooms occupied, and their impressions of the economic status of the family (whether "well-to-do," "moderate," "poor," or "very poor"). This point was recorded by the inspectors without instructions as to the possible definitions of each class.<sup>3</sup>

In making inquiry as to the type or nature of illness, the enumerators were instructed to ask which members of a family had "influenza," "flu," "grippe," "pneumonia," or "colds" since September 1, 1918. Persons who were said to have been only "feeling badly," or as having a "cold" were recorded as "doubtful" cases. If, however, the illness lasted not less than three days and was of such severity as to confine the patient to bed for the whole of one day, the case was classed as "influenza," unless otherwise diagnosed by the attending physician. Cases of illness, if definitely stated to be due to some cause other than "influenza," "pneumonia," or "colds," were not recorded. In view of the difficulties of diagnosis of influenza and the large number of mild cases indistinguishable from common colds, it was believed that the total morbidity from influenza during the epidemic period could be best represented by a figure which would include cases classified during the canvass as "influenza," "grippe," "pneumonia," and "doubtful." The widespread nature of the epidemic minimized the effect of minor

<sup>3</sup> A special study of the data secured in relation to economic conditions has recently been issued: *The Incidence of Influenza Among Persons of Different Economic Status during the Epidemic of 1918*. By Edgar Sydenstricker. Pub. Health Rep., Jan. 23, 1931, vol. 46, No. 4, (Reprint No. 1444.)



respiratory illnesses unassociated with influenza. The inclusion of "pneumonia" in the figures was, of course, logical, since during the epidemic only a comparatively few pneumonia cases occurred which were not sequelae of influenza.<sup>4</sup>

The sources of error involved in the method of survey outlined are fully appreciated. Although the canvasses were made as soon as possible after current morbidity and mortality reports indicated that the wave of the epidemic had subsided, certain important points had been forgotten by the informants. Especially was this true in regard to the dates involved.

Another source of error arose from the fact that the families' statements were accepted as to diagnosis for a disease the diagnosis of which is especially difficult and uncertain. No other course was open; and it is confidently believed that, owing to the peculiar and widespread nature of the epidemic, the data obtained were sufficiently reliable when used in the mass.

A third source of error lay in the employment of enumerators not specially trained for this work. However, they were carefully selected and the inquiries were purposely made sufficiently simple to permit even untrained persons to obtain the data with such detailed written instructions as were furnished, if under careful supervision.

When due allowance is made for the inevitable errors incident to the method employed, it is still believed that the surveys gave data which represented with reasonable accuracy the influenza morbidity in the localities surveyed. This view is corroborated by a comparison of the chronological incidence of influenza cases in the surveyed populations and the chronological reported mortality for the population as a whole. In the following table this comparison is made for those surveyed localities for which death rates for the total populations were available by weeks.

<sup>4</sup> That the inclusion of "doubtful" cases was justifiable for the epidemic period, for the purposes to which the data were to be put, is clearly indicated in the following table, from which it will be seen that, in Baltimore (the largest sample canvassed), cases classified as "influenza," "pneumonia," and "doubtful" show almost identical chronology. It is to be observed that the "doubtful" cases represent only 11 per cent of the total epidemic morbidity in Baltimore; for the surveys as a whole such cases were 7 per cent of the total—3,216 out of 42,920:

Week ended—	Cases reported by informant as—		Cases classified as "doubtful"	Week ended—	Cases reported by informant as—		Cases classified as "doubtful"
	"Influenza," "grippe"	"Pneumonia"			"Influenza," "grippe"	"Pneumonia"	
Sept. 7.....	26	6	7	Nov. 9.....	86	12	18
Sept. 14.....	52	2	8	Nov. 16.....	47	7	15
Sept. 21.....	126	10	14	Nov. 23.....	29	6	16
Sept. 28.....	271	32	41	Nov. 30.....	24	3	15
Oct. 5.....	1,363	135	165				
Oct. 12.....	1,605	137	170	Total.....	5,636	490	736
Oct. 19.....	1,208	73	156	Percentage of all cases.....	82.1	7.1	10.7
Oct. 26.....	524	44	60				
Nov. 2.....	275	23	51				

**TABLE 2.**—*Weekly death rates per 100,000 from influenza-pneumonia in total population and weekly influenza case rates per 1,000 in canvassed populations of six localities, by weeks during epidemic of 1918-19*<sup>1</sup>

Week ended—	Baltimore		Cumberland		Augusta		Louisville		Little Rock		San Francisco	
	Death rate in total population	Case rate in canvassed population	Death rate in total population	Case rate in canvassed population	Death rate in total population	Case rate in canvassed population	Death rate in total population	Case rate in canvassed population	Death rate in total population	Case rate in canvassed population	Death rate in total population	Case rate in canvassed population
<b>1918</b>												
Sept. 7.....	0	1.2	0	2.1	0	1.5	0	1.7	1.5	1.0	1.3	1.5
Sept. 14.....	1.0	1.9	0	3.1	0	1.7	1.2	1.1	0	1.8	1.3	2.5
Sept. 21.....	.7	4.5	0	7.7	0	1.7	3.7	1.5	0	4.9	2.7	3.5
Sept. 28.....	2.8	10.3	3.7	33.5	1.8	2.9	1.6	1.4	0	8.6	3.2	3.3
Oct. 5.....	17.2	49.8	33.0	96.6	3.6	11.2	5.7	22.9	18.5	87.3	2.9	7.2
Oct. 12.....	62.8	57.3	307.7	123.2	16.4	14.6	37.6	8.6	133.8	95.8	6.3	13.2
Oct. 19.....	199.6	43.0	402.9	71.4	30.9	14.1	73.5	13.9	146.2	52.1	27.4	27.5
Oct. 26.....	157.8	18.8	172.2	25.8	61.8	7.3	73.9	5.8	93.8	27.0	116.2	28.8
Nov. 2.....	58.4	10.5	76.9	12.7	54.5	17.0	28.2	10.5	24.6	20.3	155.4	16.2
Nov. 9.....	21.6	3.5	40.3	6.7	32.7	11.6	23.7	5.3	9.2	8.9	87.2	9.5
Nov. 16.....	7.5	2.1	22.0	4.8	34.5	21.6	15.9	9.6	7.7	9.8	41.7	9.4
Nov. 23.....	5.3	1.5	14.6	4.0	43.6	15.0	14.3	7.0	4.6	7.5	18.9	5.1
Nov. 30.....	5.9	1.3	7.3	2.1	34.5	13.1	25.3	14.3	13.8	7.9	11.8	4.3
Dec. 7.....	8.5	1.1	3.7	1.2	23.6	11.4	22.4	18.8	12.3	8.1	10.5	9.0
Dec. 14.....	10.0	1.0	7.3	-----	16.4	8.2	37.1	6.6	12.3	3.9	14.9	8.2
Dec. 21.....	10.9	1.4	7.3	-----	12.7	16.5	22.4	1.5	9.2	3.1	28.8	6.8
Dec. 28.....	8.4	2.5	7.3	-----	10.9	20.1	15.1	-----	10.8	2.4	37.5	12.4
<b>1919</b>												
Jan. 4.....	7.1	2.5	3.7	-----	29.1	26.7	9.0	-----	10.8	-----	40.8	9.6
Jan. 11.....	11.0	4.0	-----	-----	63.6	44.9	8.2	-----	13.8	-----	61.1	7.1
Jan. 18.....	12.2	3.3	-----	-----	70.9	33.2	8.6	-----	36.9	-----	65.3	6.2
Jan. 25.....	22.1	1.3	-----	-----	65.5	16.0	12.2	-----	21.5	-----	31.4	1.3
Feb. 1.....	20.3	.2	-----	-----	25.5	5.1	8.2	-----	20.0	-----	12.4	-----

<sup>1</sup> Deaths classified according to date of death; cases classified according to date of onset.

The mortality rates are seen to follow the case incidence rates with considerable exactness, when one takes into account the necessary lag due to the difference between date of onset of the disease and death from it. So far as these few examples justify any conclusion it would appear that, for comparison between communities, with respect to chronology, mortality statistics give results quite similar to those derived from morbidity statistics. In the section on case fatality, however, it will be shown that entirely misleading results as to actual incidence of the disease would be obtained from judging by mortality alone.

#### Total Epidemic Morbidity (Influenza Incidence)

##### GENERAL ASPECTS

The observations made during the surveys relate to 146,203 persons, 42,920 cases, and 730 deaths. In view of the fact that the record of the morbidity from influenza practically disappears between epidemics and is extremely incomplete during epidemics, special significance must attach to the results of such a canvass. Although the data can not in themselves give an accurate picture of the incidence of the disease or of its case fatality in diverse parts of the country, they do indicate the incidence and fatality for the samples surveyed

and thus—in view of the correlation chronologically with the more general records noted in the introduction—for the particular cities in which the surveys were made. Accordingly, they serve as a check upon the precision of other morbidity data, and indicate in a general way certain highly important relations between morbidity and mortality.

The general incidence of influenza ("total epidemic morbidity") in the areas canvassed will be the first point to be taken up. In a later section of the report it will be shown that this incidence was not greatly different in the white and colored population. Because of this fact, and because of the small proportion of colored in most of the localities, no considerable error will be introduced into the following discussion by combining the white and colored rates.

TABLE 3.—*Incidence of influenza in canvassed populations of each surveyed locality during the epidemic of 1918-19*

Locality	Rate per 1,000	Number of cases	Number of persons	Locality	Rate per 1,000	Number of cases	Number of persons
All localities.....	294	42,920	146,203	Baltimore, Md.....	246	8,199	33,361
San Antonio, Tex.....	535	6,701	12,534	Des Moines, Iowa.....	231	1,353	5,857
Minor Maryland towns.....	405	5,060	12,482	San Francisco, Calif.....	215	4,021	18,682
Charles County, Md.....	405	6,546	16,147	Spartanburg, S. C.....	214	1,126	5,257
Little Rock, Ark.....	359	3,565	9,920	Macon, Ga.....	213	1,681	7,905
Augusta, Ga.....	341	1,405	4,123	New London, Conn.....	185	1,466	7,933
				Louisville, Ky. <sup>1</sup> .....	150	1,797	12,002

<sup>1</sup> Survey made before epidemic had ended.

The rate for all localities is 294 per thousand persons. In other words, one out of every three or four persons in the canvassed populations reported that they had influenza during the autumn wave of the epidemic and the recurrence. Other studies made by the same method in various parts of the country give substantially the same results, and a tabulation of these studies by Jordan is of interest at this point.

TABLE 4.—*Incidence of influenza (autumn wave, 1918) in canvassed populations of various United States communities*<sup>1</sup>

Locality	Rate per 1,000	Number of cases	Number of persons canvassed	Locality	Rate per 1,000	Number of cases	Number of persons canvassed
Oswego, N. Y. <sup>2</sup> .....	470	6,094	12,952	Watertown, N. Y. <sup>2</sup> .....	282	5,765	20,473
Millville, N. J. <sup>3</sup> .....	406	4,749	11,686	Gloucester, N. J. <sup>3</sup> .....	245	2,930	11,969
Bridgeton, N. J. <sup>3</sup> .....	289	3,845	13,319	New Britain, Conn. <sup>4</sup> .....	234	645	2,757

<sup>1</sup> From *Epidemic Influenza*, by E. O. Jordan, p. 190.

<sup>2</sup> Some Statistics of Influenza in Oswego and Watertown in 1918. Official Bull. N. Y. State Department of Health, 4:53.

<sup>3</sup> Report of Bureau of Local Health Administration. State Department of Health of New Jersey, 42:28.

<sup>4</sup> Statistics of the 1918 epidemic of influenza in Connecticut. Winslow, C.-E. A., and Rogers, J. F. *Journ. Infect. Dis.*, 26:135.

It is of interest to contrast these results with those for the Army, remembering that in the latter case the population is concentrated at

those ages when the incidence was particularly high. The rates for four months of 1918 (September–December), corresponding approximately to the period covered by the Public Health Service surveys, are given in Table 5. The rates are for hospital admissions for influenza, bronchitis, broncho-pneumonia, and lobar pneumonia combined, and are exclusive of sickness occurring among the troops in Europe.

TABLE 5.—Incidence of total respiratory diseases<sup>1</sup> in Army in the United States, (admissions) September to December, inclusive, 1918<sup>2</sup>

Rate per 1,000.....	310.4
Cases.....	424,074
Mean strength.....	1,366,016

<sup>1</sup> Influenza, bronchitis, broncho-pneumonia, and lobar pneumonia.

<sup>2</sup> Compiled from data given in the Medical Department of the United States Army in the World War. Vol. IX. Communicable and Other Diseases. Prepared by Lieut. Col. Joseph F. Siler. Chapter 2: Inflammatory Diseases of the Respiratory Tract, by Maj. Milton W. Hall.

With this picture before us, we are able to establish in a broad way what the incidence of influenza was during the 1918 epidemic, and the results secured in the surveys by the Public Health Service seem to give a rather representative mean.

Detailed house-to-house surveys in England, comparable to the canvass by the Public Health Service, were made in a number of towns for the summer and autumn waves of 1918, giving considerably lower rates than those indicated for this country. Table 6 summarizes these results (also from Jordan).

TABLE 6.—Comparison of influenza incidence rates per 1,000 in English towns 1918<sup>1</sup>

Locality	Summer	Autumn	Total	Persons
Manchester <sup>2</sup> .....	149	103	252	4,666
Leicester <sup>3</sup> .....	63	146	209	4,619
Cambridge <sup>4</sup> .....	36	165	201	-----
Warrington <sup>5</sup> .....	75	82	157	1,626
Newcastle-upon-Tyne <sup>6</sup> .....	62	47	109	4,461

<sup>1</sup> From Epidemic Influenza, by E. O. Jordan, p. 194.

<sup>2</sup> Analysis of the results of a block census undertaken in Manchester in December, 1918. 1920. Ministry of Health. Report on the Pandemic of Influenza, 1918-19. London. P. 456. By T. Carnwath.

<sup>3</sup> Report on an inquiry into the recent epidemic of influenza in the county borough of Leicester. 1920. Ministry of Health. Report on the Pandemic of Influenza, 1918-19. London. P. 445. By M. B. Arnold.

<sup>4</sup> Report on incidence of influenza in the University and Borough of Cambridge, and in the Friends School, Saffron Walden. 1920. Ministry of Health. Report on the Pandemic of Influenza, 1918-19. London. P. 388. By S. M. Crompton.

<sup>5</sup> Report on an investigation of the incidence and effects of influenza among the population of Warrington (Lancs.). 1920. Ministry of Health. Report on the Pandemic of Influenza, 1918-19. London. P. 539. By G. W. N. Joseph.

<sup>6</sup> Analysis of an influenza census at Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 1920. Ministry of Health. Report on the Pandemic of Influenza, 1918-19. London. P. 556. By S. J. Clegg.

Returning again to the canvass made by the Public Health Service, it will be noted that the highest rate was in San Antonio, where one out of every two persons reported having the disease. The range of variation in the rates is considerable, the rate in San Antonio being nearly three times that in New London. The canvassed populations are so large that only a relatively small part of this fluctuation can be



explained as being due to chance.<sup>5</sup> However, in several widely separated localities the incidence rate varied only within narrow limits.

A cursory examination of the rates in the different localities will show that no consistent relation is manifested between the rates and the geographic position of the localities. If the New England and Maryland localities are grouped together and contrasted with the central and southern localities, the rates in the two groups will be found to be practically identical, namely, 304 and 306, respectively.

#### AGE

A marked selective effect on the incidence of influenza was exerted by age during the epidemic of 1918-19. This observation, which is common to nearly all reports on the epidemic, is corroborated by the data secured in the surveys. What they show most clearly is a very heavy incidence in the younger ages and a definite contrast with the curve of mortality.

The influenza morbidity rates for each 5-year age group for all surveyed localities are given in Table 7.

TABLE 7.—Incidence of influenza among canvassed persons in each age group in all surveyed localities during the epidemic of 1918-19

Age group	Rate per 1,000	Number of cases	Number of persons
All ages.....	294	<sup>1</sup> 42,920	<sup>2</sup> 146,203
Under 1.....	207	586	2,838
1-4.....	337	4,016	11,933
Under 5.....	312	4,602	14,771
5-9.....	301	5,755	14,725
10-14.....	381	5,404	14,182
15-19.....	345	4,448	12,897
20-24.....	323	3,967	12,287
25-29.....	337	4,127	12,234
30-34.....	326	3,805	11,668
35-39.....	296	3,276	11,074
40-44.....	236	2,219	9,415
45-49.....	207	1,688	8,157
50-54.....	175	1,162	6,628
55-59.....	162	698	4,323
60-64.....	143	537	3,756
65-69.....	135	332	2,456
70-74.....	111	189	1,703
75 and over.....	88	145	1,650

<sup>1</sup> Includes 566 of unknown age.

<sup>2</sup> Includes 4,277 of unknown age.

It will be noted that the incidence was highest in the age group 5 to 9, fell off progressively in the age groups from 10 to 24, rose to

<sup>5</sup> Even in the case of New London, which has one of the smallest surveyed populations, the probable error of the rate is less than 7 per 1,000 persons. This calculation is based on the formula

$$0.6745 \sqrt{\frac{pq}{n}} \text{ or } \sqrt{\frac{(\text{rate})(1000 - \text{rate})}{n}}$$

where  $p$  is the chance that an individual will have a case,  $q$  the chance that he will not, and  $n$  the size of the canvassed population. The probable error is applicable because there were relatively few instances where one person reported having more than one case.

a minor second mode in the age group 25 to 29, and then declined progressively in successive age groups. Among old people the incidence appeared to be not more than one-third of that among the young.

Through the courtesy of the health officers of the States of Kansas and Maryland, reports of cases of influenza in these States were available for statistical analysis. Without going into the results of these studies in any detail, a comparison by age is of interest for corroborative purposes. There was, of course, no expectation that any great proportion of the cases occurring would be reported to the health departments of the States, but it was felt that the relative incidence by age might not be greatly affected by this limitation. In order to permit a comparison between the surveyed data and the data for the two States, the rates have been reduced to an index basis by dividing by the rate for all ages. Thus the three curves are put on a relative basis, and the actual height becomes of no significance.

TABLE 8.—*Relative incidence of influenza by age in surveyed localities, in Kansas, and in Maryland during epidemic of 1918-19 (rate for each age group divided by rate for all ages)*

Age group	Surveyed localities	Kan-sas	Mary-land	Age group	Surveyed localities	Kan-sas	Mary-land
Under 5.....	1.04	0.73	0.73	45-49.....	0.69	0.59	0.58
5-9.....	1.30	1.28	1.29	50-54.....	.58	.34	.40
10-14.....	1.27	1.34	1.36	55-59.....	.54		.31
15-19.....	1.15	1.34	1.47	60-64.....	.48	.19	.24
20-24.....	1.08	1.30	1.40	65-69.....	.45		.20
25-29.....	1.12	1.36	1.29	70-74.....	.37		
30-34.....	1.09	1.34	1.22	75 and over.....	.29	1.00	1.00
35-39.....	.99	1.09	.96	All ages.....	1.00	1.00	1.00
40-44.....	.79	.88	.71				

The results are represented graphically in Figure 1. In general, the curves for Kansas and Maryland correspond to the curve for the survey, although the former show a tendency to fall off more rapidly with age. This may be due to a greater tendency not to report sickness among old people to the health authorities. At all events, it is the similarity of the three curves, rather than any differences, which is most striking.

The age curves in each of the surveyed localities may next be considered. These curves are given, in 5-year age groups, in Figure 2 and Table 9. For the graph, as in the preceding case, the ratios of the rate in each age group to that for all ages are used so that the age incidence in the different localities may be readily compared.

TABLE 9.—Incidence of influenza by age in each locality during epidemic of 1918-19

[Rate per 1,000]

Age group	New Lon- don	Balti- more	Minor Mary- land towns	Charles County, Md.	Spar- tan- burg	Au- gus- ta	Ma- con	Des Moines	Louis- ville	Little Rock	San An- tonio	San Fran- cisco
Under 5.....	180	283	414	380	252	388	247	274	238	366	488	209
5-9.....	230	366	493	448	253	480	318	350	268	463	609	281
10-14.....	224	317	512	486	238	416	264	233	211	460	625	290
15-19.....	177	289	493	508	232	325	219	220	142	384	598	235
20-24.....	207	275	476	493	250	326	207	240	169	335	590	236
25-29.....	236	314	485	465	221	412	225	261	143	392	598	262
30-34.....	210	295	488	441	217	388	202	249	188	378	590	258
35-39.....	221	229	421	407	214	398	238	235	135	386	527	225
40-44.....	173	185	321	349	168	242	196	219	113	262	464	185
45-49.....	169	158	300	277	158	298	142	162	93	278	410	157
50-54.....	121	135	266	255	152	284	132	138	84	213	379	121
55-59.....	72	131	211	229	124	298	160	161	64	199	330	97
60-64.....	108	124	183	211	130	247	89	140	66	222	234	80
65-69.....	103	112	201	181	75	283	63	125	83	136	294	72
70-74.....	74	79	145	147	132	214	67	138	51	211	247	78
75 and over.....	20	56	109	119	150	275	45	36	49	236	230	33

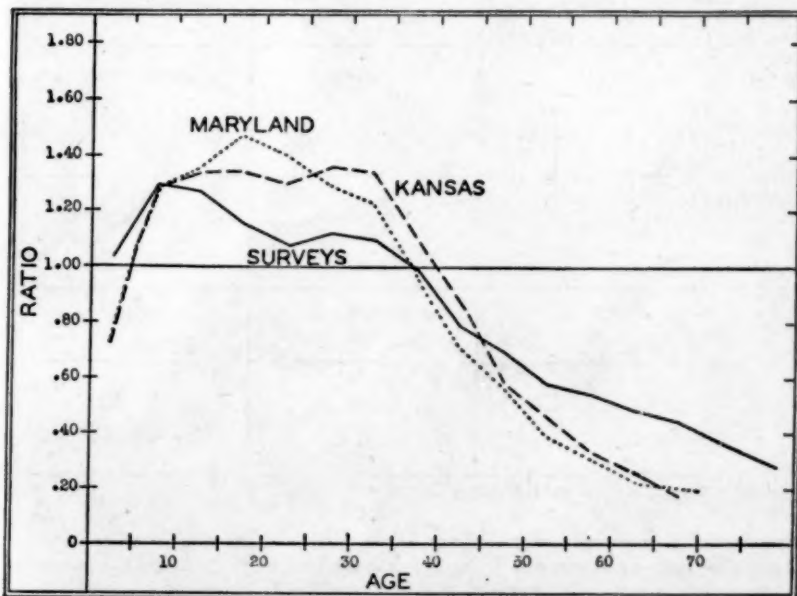


FIGURE 1.—Relative incidence of influenza by age in surveyed localities, in Kansas, and in Maryland, during 1918-19 epidemic (ratio of rate in each age group to that in all ages)

Although minor differences are noted in the incidence in various age groups, the essential similarity in the different localities—if we neglect the actual level of the rates already considered—is much more striking than these slight differences, indicating quite conclusively that the selective incidence in relation to age was a marked characteristic of this epidemic in each locality. The peak in the

younger ages, with a gradual decline in the rates after age 30 or 35, is found in every locality.

Perhaps of greatest interest is the suggestion that the double peak indicated in the data for all surveyed localities and in the reported morbidity for Kansas is really significant. The only curve which

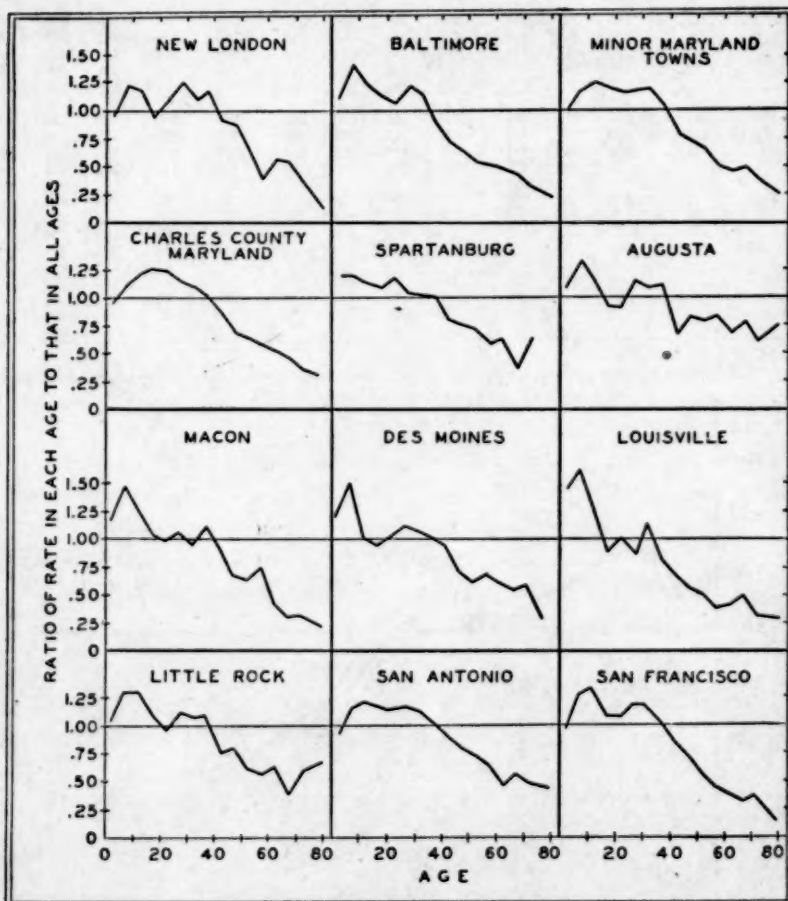


FIGURE 2.—Ratio of influenza case incidence in each age group to that in all ages in a canvassed population of each surveyed locality

does not give a suggestion of the two peaks is that for a rural area (Charles County). The first peak usually occurs in the age group 5 to 9 and the second peak in the age group 25 to 29. This bimodal tendency is analyzed in Table 10, giving the age group in which the two modes occur in each locality.



TABLE 10.—*Age groups when first and second modes occur in each surveyed locality during epidemic of 1918-19*

Locality	Age group when—	
	First mode occurs	Second mode occurs
Spartanburg.....	10-9	20-24
Baltimore.....	5-9	25-29
New London.....	5-9	25-29
Augusta.....	5-9	25-29
Des Moines.....	5-9	25-29
Little Rock.....	5-9	25-29
Louisville.....	5-9	30-34
Macon.....	5-9	35-39
San Antonio.....	10-14	25-29
San Francisco.....	10-14	25-29
Minor Maryland towns.....	10-14	30-34

<sup>1</sup> Same rate for 0-4 and for 5-9.

In practically every case the second mode is quite definite, but it should be pointed out that in only one locality (New London) is the second mode higher than the first.

Reference may be made to the fact that W. T. Vaughan, in a house-to-house survey of 10,000 persons in Boston, also found two peaks of age incidence.

Question arose as to the advisability of adjustment of the rates for influenza in the various surveyed localities to a standard age or age and sex distribution of the population. Such adjustments were worked out, but found to be too slight in their effect to warrant their use in this paper, except for certain comparisons between the sexes.<sup>6</sup>

#### INCIDENCE OF INFLUENZA IN THE TWO SEXES

The morbidity rate of influenza as obtained in these canvasses was slightly higher for women than for men, the rate for all localities being 307 and 294, respectively, after adjustment to a standard age

<sup>6</sup> To bring out the rather slight effect of adjustment for age and sex, the following table is reproduced. The rates for the different localities differ somewhat from those used previously, because in this case it was necessary to base the rate on persons of known ages.

Locality	Actual rate per 1,000 known ages	Rate per 1,000 adjusted to standard population (all surveyed localities)			
		By age		By age and sex	
		Rate	Ratio to actual	Rate	Ratio to actual
All localities.....	298	301	1.01	300	1.01
San Antonio, Tex.....	536	525	.98	522	.97
Minor Maryland towns.....	408	418	1.02	417	1.02
Charles County, Md.....	406	405	1.00	405	1.00
Little Rock, Ark.....	360	356	.99	354	.98
Augusta, Ga.....	359	362	1.01	359	1.00
Baltimore, Md.....	253	260	1.03	258	1.02
Des Moines, Iowa.....	232	235	1.01	233	1.00
Spartanburg, S. C.....	217	214	.99	212	.98
San Francisco, Calif.....	216	219	1.01	218	1.01
Macon, Ga.....	213	216	1.01	212	1.00
New London, Conn.....	187	189	1.01	188	1.01
Louisville, Ky.....	158	165	1.04	165	1.04

distribution. The rates for women were higher in nearly every locality. The differences are brought out in Table 11. Adjustment seemed advisable, because of the possible effect of the withdrawal of males for military duty. As a matter of fact, this adjustment made little difference in the ratio between the two sexes, the unadjusted rates being 304 and 292 for women and for men for all known ages and 299 and 288 for all ages.

TABLE 11.—*Incidence of influenza by sex in each surveyed locality (adjusted to standard age distribution) during epidemic of 1918-19*

Locality	Rate per 1,000		Ratio of female rate to male	Locality	Rate per 1,000		Ratio of female rate to male
	Male	Female			Male	Female	
All localities.....	294	307	1.04	San Francisco.....	213	222	1.04
Macon.....	194	229	1.18	San Antonio.....	514	530	1.03
Minor Maryland towns.....	406	459	1.13	Augusta.....	357	364	1.02
Spartanburg.....	200	220	1.10	Charles County, Md.....	403	406	1.01
Baltimore.....	248	270	1.09	Des Moines.....	229	231	1.01
New London.....	185	192	1.04	Louisville.....	166	164	.99
				Little Rock.....	352	345	.98

When it is realized that in a large proportion of families the information was secured from the wife, it seems possible that this slight excess for women might be due to the fact that they were able to remember their own cases somewhat better than the cases of other members of the family. A tendency of this character has been noted in other studies where the information was secured in this manner.<sup>7</sup> Thus the only conclusion which is really justified is that there was no marked difference in the rates of the two sexes.

In Table 12 and Figure 3 comparison is made by sex for the different ages.

TABLE 12.—*Incidence of influenza among canvassed males and females in each age group, in all surveyed localities during epidemic of 1918-19*

Age group	Rate per 1,000		Number of cases		Number of persons	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
All ages.....	288	299	19,742	23,169	68,684	77,495
Under 1.....	214	199	301	284	1,407	1,427
1-4.....	348	325	2,081	1,933	5,984	5,945
Under 5.....	322	301	2,382	2,217	7,391	7,372
5-9.....	388	394	2,845	2,910	7,342	7,382
10-14.....	379	383	2,649	2,755	6,994	7,187
15-19.....	332	356	1,985	2,461	5,986	6,909
20-24.....	288	343	1,267	2,699	4,405	7,881
25-29.....	328	344	1,624	2,503	4,953	7,281
30-34.....	320	331	1,723	2,082	5,385	6,283
35-39.....	295	296	1,638	1,638	5,546	5,527
40-44.....	242	230	1,112	1,107	4,592	4,823
45-49.....	200	215	850	838	4,250	3,907
50-54.....	167	184	555	607	3,319	3,308
55-59.....	157	166	334	363	2,130	2,192
60-64.....	128	157	237	300	1,848	1,908
65-69.....	132	138	154	178	1,170	1,286
70-74.....	114	108	85	104	744	959
75 and over.....	83	92	58	87	702	948

<sup>7</sup> The Illness Rate Among Males and Females. By E. Sydenstricker. Pub. Health Rep., vol. 42, No. 30, July 29, 1927. (Reprint 1172.)

Except for the youngest ages, there is a tendency for the female rates to be higher, but; as just pointed out, the difference is slight. The ratios of female rates to male rates for broad age groups are as follows: Under 15 years, 0.99; 15 to 44, 1.07; 45 to 59, 1.07; and 60 and over, 1.09. The age curves are practically identical in the two sexes, the only difference between the two being the greater depression in the male curve between the two modes. In fact, the female curve shows only a bare suggestion of the second mode.

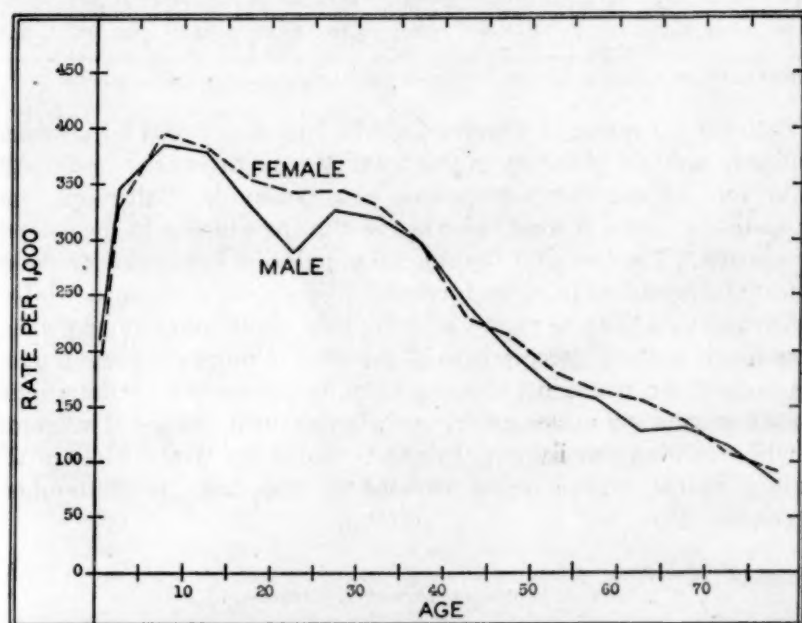


FIGURE 3.—Incidence of influenza among canvassed males and females in each age group (all surveyed localities)

#### INCIDENCE IN COLORED POPULATION

Since a number of the cities had a considerable colored population, it is of interest to determine whether a larger percentage of white or colored were attacked. We are faced immediately with the difficulty of getting as complete information from the colored as from the white in a canvass of this character; thus any results must be discounted. No rates have been used for all the surveyed localities, because of the varying proportion of colored persons in the different localities. The rates in the eight places where there was a sufficient number of colored to give somewhat reliable results are given in Table 13, adjustment having been made to a standard age and sex distribution.

TABLE 13.—*Incidence of influenza in white and colored canvassed populations during the epidemic of 1918-19 (adjusted to a standard age and sex distribution)*

Locality	Rate per 1,000		Ratio of colored to white	Number of cases		Number of persons	
	White	Colored		White	Colored	White	Colored
Louisville.....	179	49	0.27	1,739	58	10,534	1,465
Baltimore.....	278	116	.42	7,690	481	29,085	4,195
Augusta.....	456	212	.47	1,044	361	2,434	1,689
Macon.....	220	137	.62	1,337	341	5,971	1,930
Spartanburg.....	224	173	.77	1,033	84	4,652	581
Minor Maryland towns.....	419	385	.92	4,794	249	11,782	643
Little Rock.....	360	338	.94	2,657	908	7,262	2,654
Charles County, Md.....	<sup>1</sup> 379	<sup>1</sup> 431	1.14	3,028	3,518	7,992	8,155

<sup>1</sup> Rates for Charles County unadjusted; adjustment made only a slight difference in the ratios.

With the exception of Charles County, Md. (see p. 304 for information as to method of survey in this locality), the rates are consistently lower for the colored populations. In Louisville, Baltimore, and Augusta the rate is at least twice as great in the white as in the colored population. The fact that the colored population live generally under conditions presumably more favorable to the spread of contact infections would lead one to expect a higher rate of influenza among them. How much of the difference is to be ascribed to more complete reporting among the white populations is quite impossible to determine. Some confirmation of this difference between the incidence of influenza in white and colored is given by the rates for the Army while in the United States. The period covered in the table is September-December, 1918.

TABLE 14.—*Incidence of total respiratory<sup>1</sup> disease by color in Army in the United States, September-December, inclusive, 1918<sup>2</sup>*

	White	Colored
Rate per 1,000.....	316	269
Number of cases.....	383,498	40,576
"Strength".....	1,215,447	150,569

<sup>1</sup> Influenza, bronchitis, broncho-pneumonia, lobar pneumonia.

<sup>2</sup> Compiled from data given in the Medical Department of the United States Army in the World War. Vol. IX. Communicable and Other Diseases. Prepared by Lieut. Col. Joseph F. Siler. Chap. 2: Inflammatory Diseases of the Respiratory Tract, by Maj. Milton W. Hall.

One further table is presented giving the incidence of influenza by color in the two sexes. The tendency for higher rates in the white population is evidently present in both sexes.



TABLE 15.—*Incidence of influenza by sex and color in certain canvassed localities during epidemic of 1918-19*

Locality	Rate per 1,000			
	Male		Female	
	White	Colored	White	Colored
Louisville.....	169	43	162	37
Baltimore.....	255	98	272	129
Augusta.....	427	197	430	225
Spartanburg.....	207	135	235	152
Macon.....	198	171	246	180
Little Rock.....	377	308	355	371
Minor Maryland towns.....	397	330	415	432
Charles County, Md.....	383	419	374	445

### The Frequency of Pneumonia as a Complication

#### GENERAL ASPECTS

The 1918-19 epidemic of influenza was notably different from the 1889-90 epidemic in a much higher frequency of pneumonia and consequently a much higher mortality, especially among young adults. The record of pneumonia cases in the areas canvassed by the Public Health Service is therefore of interest, particularly in view of the inadequacy of pneumonia morbidity reports during either epidemic or normal periods. As noted in the introduction, cases were classified in these surveys as "pneumonia" when so reported by the householder. No attempt could be made to diagnose the cases or to inquire of the physician in charge as to the diagnosis made by him. Deaths from influenza were classed as pneumonia cases even when not so specified on the census report.

The results obtained in Charles County are evidently not comparable to those obtained in the other localities, since in this county there were only 102 pneumonia cases recorded, whereas there were 147 deaths from influenza-pneumonia. The deaths in this instance were presumably complete, as the results of the survey were checked up with the death certificates in the State registrar's office; but since it may be assumed that epidemic deaths were due almost always to complicating pneumonia, and since by no means all of the pneumonia cases resulted in death,<sup>8</sup> clearly the pneumonia cases were not complete. Because of these obvious inconsistencies, the records from Charles County have been omitted from all discussions of pneumonia morbidity.

The following table gives the pneumonia incidence for all localities (except Charles County) and for each locality.

<sup>8</sup> If we were to assume completeness of recording nonfatal cases of pneumonia, we would have a fatality rate in Charles County of 82 per cent, whereas in the other localities the average is about 25 per cent.

TABLE 16.—Incidence of pneumonia in canvassed population of each surveyed locality during epidemic of 1918-19

Locality	Rate per 1,000	Number of cases	Number of persons	Locality	Rate per 1,000	Number of cases	Number of persons
All localities <sup>1</sup> .....	17.6	2,290	130,056	New London.....	17.1	136	7,933
Minor Maryland towns..	25.8	322	12,482	Little Rock.....	16.0	159	9,920
San Antonio.....	24.2	303	12,534	Augusta.....	15.3	63	4,123
Des Moines.....	23.6	138	5,857	Macon.....	13.0	103	7,905
Baltimore.....	18.0	599	33,361	Louisville.....	9.2	111	12,002
San Francisco.....	17.2	321	18,682	Spartanburg.....	6.7	35	5,257

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Charles County, Md.

The pneumonia case rate for all localities (except Charles County) was 17.6 per 1,000 persons, as compared with 280, the influenza rate, for the same localities. In other words, the percentage of influenza cases complicated by pneumonia, as determined in these surveys, was 6.3. A more detailed comparison with influenza morbidity will be taken up later. At this point it is desirable to summarize the pneumonia data themselves.

The most striking feature of the pneumonia rates is their wide range. The minor Maryland towns have a rate four times as great as that of Spartanburg (surveyed population, 5,257) and nearly three times as high as Louisville (surveyed population, 12,002).

Another point of interest is that the cities with the lowest rates are invariably in the south central part of the country, where, it is believed, the epidemic was somewhat less severe. The combined pneumonia rate for Augusta, Macon, Louisville, and Spartanburg was 10.7, whereas it was 19.6 in the other localities combined.

## AGE

The toll of the epidemic in young adult life is depicted clearly by the rates for cases of pneumonia recorded in these surveys. The pneumonia incidence in each age group for all localities is presented in Table 17. The numbers are evidently sufficient for quite reliable results.

TABLE 17.—Incidence of pneumonia by age in all localities, exclusive of Charles County, Md., during epidemic of 1918-19

Age group	Rate per 1,000	Number of cases
All ages.....	17.6	2,290
Under 1.....	24.9	60
1-4.....	26.0	264
Under 5.....	25.8	324
5-9.....	14.8	186
10-14.....	11.5	137
15-19.....	15.5	173
20-24.....	23.1	256
25-29.....	31.1	352
30-34.....	25.7	279
35-39.....	21.0	213
40-44.....	13.0	112
45-49.....	9.8	73
50-59.....	8.3	82
60-69.....	9.3	51
70 and over.....	6.5	19

There are two marked peaks. The incidence is high in children under 5 years of age, although not any higher in the first year of life than in the years immediately following. The second mode occurs in young adult life, the highest point being found in the age group 25 to 29, where the rate is three times that in the age group 10 to 14. As age advances, the rate falls off rapidly. By 50 years of age it is already one-half of the rate for the age group 25 to 29. A direct comparison with the incidence of influenza as a whole is postponed until later, but it may be pointed out that the bimodal effect noted in the case of influenza is much more marked in the case of pneumonia alone. In both the incidence falls off steadily with age after the second peak.

So striking is this bimodal tendency for pneumonia curves according to age during the epidemic that it seems well to present the rates by age for the individual localities. The numbers are limited, and it has been necessary to combine certain age groups. The data are given in Table 18 and Figure 4.

TABLE 18.—Incidence of pneumonia in each canvassed locality, by age, during epidemic of 1918-19<sup>1</sup>

Age group	Rate per 1,000 persons canvassed										
	New London	Balti- more	Minor Mary- land towns	Spar- tan- burg	Augus- ta	Macon	Des Moines	Louis- ville	Little Rock	San An- tonio	San Fran- cisco
Under 5.....	11.1	27.3	38.2	10.4	29.6	17.5	37.4	22.2	16.3	20.4	20.2
5-9.....	9.0	13.4	21.6	3.2	23.1	11.7	50.0	8.5	7.8	14.7	8.7
10-14.....	7.8	11.3	15.2	3.8	7.4	7.3	14.2	9.2	10.9	11.2	10.6
15-19.....	12.4	18.5	19.3	4.3	13.2	10.4	18.0	6.1	11.7	20.1	15.2
20-24.....	25.4	21.1	37.0	6.0	18.0	11.2	25.7	9.4	24.1	39.8	14.7
25-29.....	44.4	29.4	39.7	9.1	26.9	14.8	38.7	11.0	22.1	42.2	30.7
30-34.....	28.7	21.8	46.2	8.8	26.7	14.6	24.7	11.7	24.7	34.4	22.8
35-39.....	19.0	18.4	38.8	4.9	7.4	15.7	16.3	10.6	18.3	31.9	17.7
40-44.....	10.4	10.7	14.9	6.1	7.4	16.5	10.4	4.7	9.8	13.7	17.7
45-59.....	6.9	7.2	9.3	1.2	9.2	8.3	5.8	3.6	9.5	17.4	10.6
60 and over.....	5.4	9.4	3.9	1.2	4.5	2.1	8.9	3.6	6.9	8.7	9.0

<sup>1</sup> Inclusion of deaths from influenza as pneumonia cases was not possible in this table, except where the case was originally recorded as pneumonia. The rates, however, are not more than about 7 per cent too low.

The marked bimodal effect is noted in each locality without any exception. In all but one city the first peak comes in the under 5-year age group. Usually the second peak is in the age group 25 to 29, but in three instances it is in the age group 30 to 34, and in one in the age group 35 to 39. It is evident that the location of these modes is subject to a certain chance variation.

This strikingly high incidence of pneumonia in the young adult population, reaching a peak of nearly 5 per cent in some of the localities in the modal age group, is obviously at great variance with the normal age distribution of pneumonia. An idea of this difference may be obtained from a comparison of the age curve secured in this canvass with that for Hagerstown, Md., during a period (December 1, 1921, to April 1, 1924) without major epidemic waves, the data

having been secured in house-to-house canvasses during this period by the Public Health Service.\* No comparison of the actual level of the morbidity rates seems feasible or of consequence in this connection, in view of the varying periods for which the sickness data

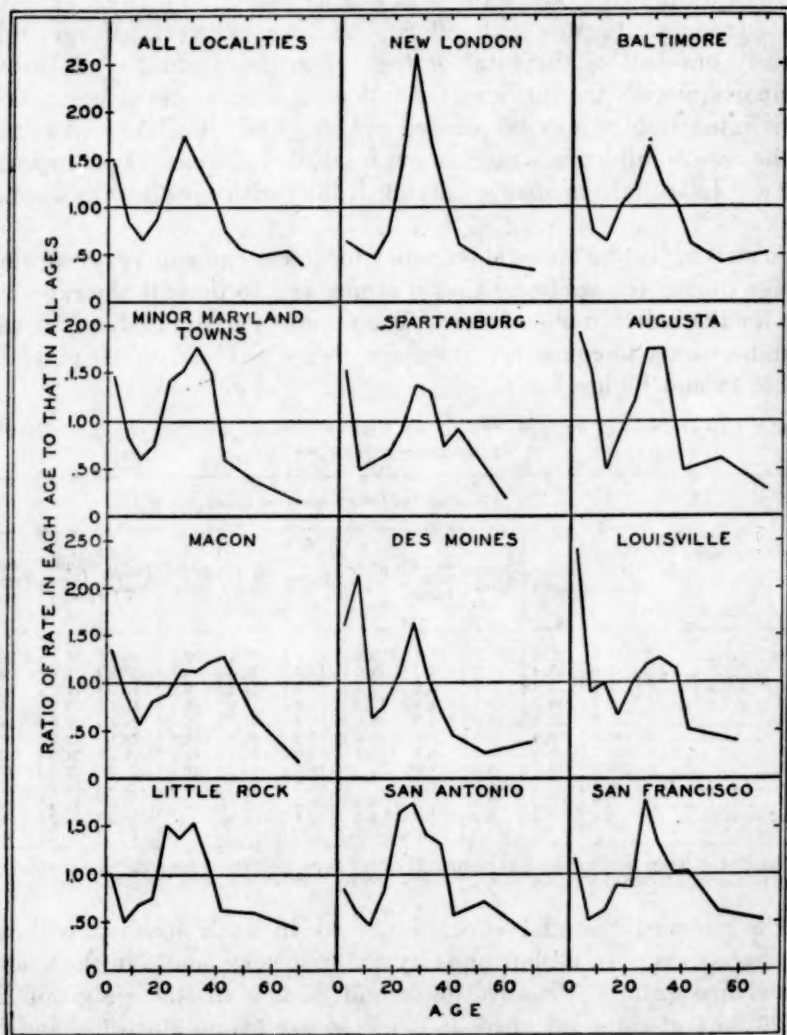


FIGURE 4.—Ratio of pneumonia case incidence in each age group to that in all ages in a canvassed population of each surveyed locality

in the various localities were secured. Comparison may be made most easily by reducing each series of rates to an index basis by dividing by the rate for all ages. These indices are given in Figure 5 and Table 19.

\* The Incidence of Various Diseases according to Age. Hagerstown Morbidity Studies No. VIII. By Edgar Sydenstricker. Public Health Reports, May 11, 1928. (Reprint No. 1227.)



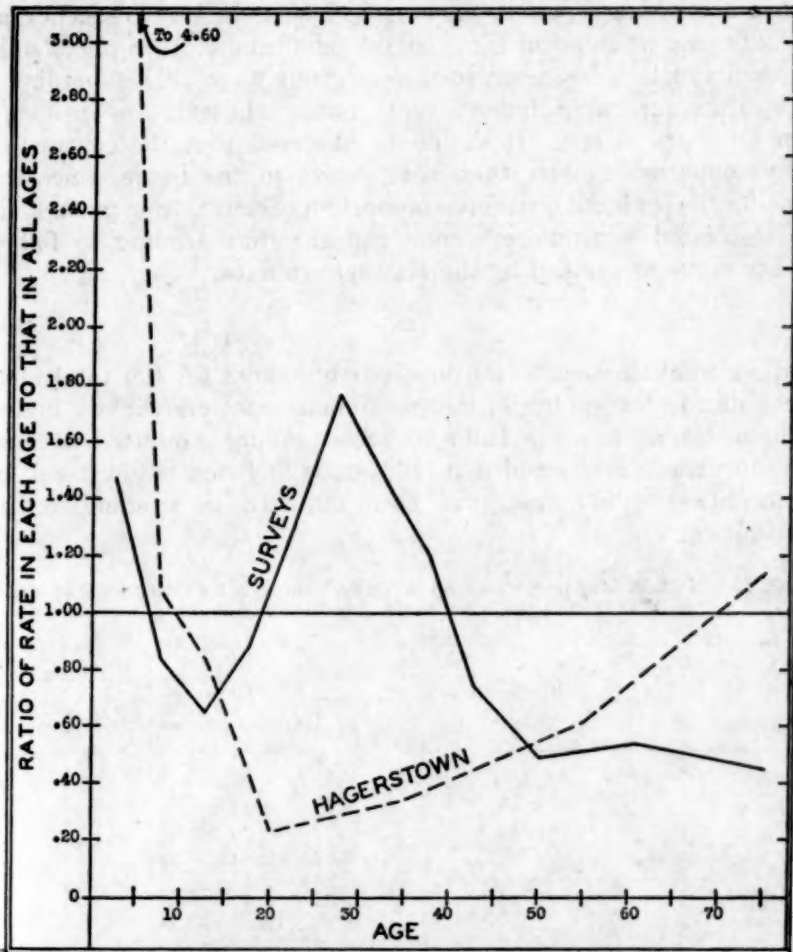


FIGURE 5.—Relative incidence of pneumonia by age in surveyed localities and in Hagerstown, Md. (data for Hagerstown from a previous sickness survey)

TABLE 19.—Relative incidence of pneumonia by age in surveyed localities during 1918-19 epidemic and in Hagerstown sickness study (rate for all ages=1.00)

Age group	Rates per 1,000		Indices	
	Surveyed localities	Hagerstown <sup>1</sup>	Surveyed localities	Hagerstown
Under 5.....	25.8	40.0	1.47	4.60
5-9.....	14.8	9.5	.84	1.09
10-14.....	11.5	7.0	.65	.84
15-19.....	15.5	2.0	.88	.23
20-24.....	23.1		1.31	
25-29.....	31.1	3.0	1.77	.34
30-34.....	25.7		1.46	
35-39.....	21.0		1.19	
40-44.....	13.0	5.4	.74	.62
45-54.....	8.7		.49	
55-64.....	9.5		.54	
65 and over.....	7.9	9.9	.45	1.14
All ages.....	17.6	8.7	1.00	1.00

<sup>1</sup> Annual rates.

In a nonepidemic period, pneumonia has its highest frequency at the beginning and end of life. In the pandemic of 1918 pneumonia showed its highest frequency in the age group 25 to 29, a subordinate peak in the age group under 5 years, and a relatively low incidence after 40 years of age. It should be observed that the contrast is really somewhat greater than that shown in the figure, since the curve for the epidemic contains a proportion of deaths from pneumonia not associated with the epidemic and therefore tending to follow the age curve as typified by the Hagerstown data.

## SEX

In contradistinction to the material presented for the total morbidity during the epidemic, the pneumonia rates are slightly higher in the males, as shown in Table 20. Spartanburg is omitted, because only 35 cases were recorded in all, but is included in the total for all localities. The rates have been adjusted to a standard age distribution.

TABLE 20.—Incidence of pneumonia by sex in each surveyed locality during epidemic of 1918-19<sup>1</sup> (adjusted to standard age distribution)

Locality	Rate per 1,000		Ratio of female rate to male	Cases	
	Male	Female		Male	Female
Augusta.....	16.5	17.9	1.08	26	35
Baltimore.....	18.7	19.1	1.02	267	327
New London.....	16.7	16.9	1.01	64	72
Macon.....	12.9	12.5	.97	44	56
Louisville.....	11.2	9.6	.86	52	53
Minor Maryland towns.....	30.6	25.1	.82	169	163
Little Rock.....	17.0	13.7	.81	81	77
San Antonio.....	27.0	21.7	.80	139	161
San Francisco.....	20.8	14.8	.71	177	144
Des Moines.....	29.4	19.5	.66	79	50

<sup>1</sup> Spartanburg omitted because of small numbers.

In only one locality is the rate for females definitely higher. The fact that we do not find higher rates among females for these serious cases suggests that possibly the difference in the incidence of influenza as a whole was due to the tendency of the women to report a higher incidence for themselves than for other members of the family. That would hardly be expected in the case of illnesses severe enough to be classed as pneumonia, as they would probably be recalled whatever member of the family had the case.

A graph is added for pneumonia incidence by sex and age. (Fig. 6.) There is a suggestion that the excess among males occurs entirely during the ages where the epidemic exerted its greatest effect. The rates are presented in Table 21.

TABLE 21.—Incidence of pneumonia by sex and age in all surveyed localities during epidemic of 1918-19<sup>1</sup> (rate per 1,000)

Age group	Male	Female
All ages.....	18.4	17.0
Under 1.....	28.8	21.3
1-4.....	27.5	24.5
Under 5.....	27.7	23.8
5-9.....	14.1	15.5
10-14.....	12.1	11.0
15-19.....	17.2	14.2
20-24.....	24.1	22.5
25-29.....	37.4	26.9
30-34.....	29.0	22.9
35-39.....	24.1	17.9
40-44.....	13.2	12.8
45-49.....	11.0	8.6
50-59.....	6.2	10.3
60-69.....	6.1	12.2
70 and over.....	4.2	8.2

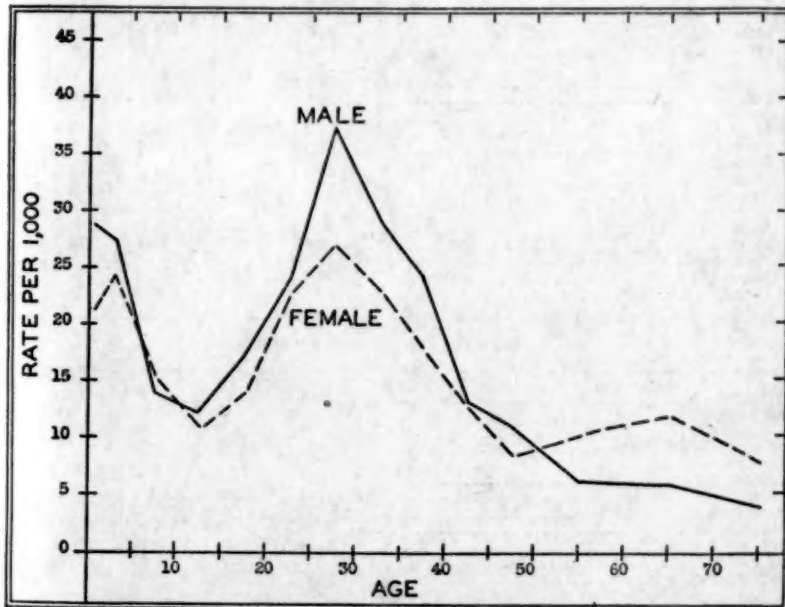
<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Charles County.

FIGURE 6.—Incidence of pneumonia by age and sex in all surveyed localities (except Charles County, Md.)

In view of these differences, it is of interest to compare the rates by sex and age in each locality. To do so, however, a broad grouping of ages is necessary to secure any degree of regularity. These broad groups have been chosen to bring out, as well as possible, the characteristics of the age curve (under 5 years, 5-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40 and over). The rates are given in Table 22. At the bottom of the table will be found ratios of the female rates to those of the males.

TABLE 22.—Incidence of pneumonia by sex and broad age groups in each surveyed locality during epidemic of 1918-19<sup>1</sup>

	Under 5 years	5-19	20-29	30-39	40 and over
RATES PER 1,000					
All localities:					
Male.....	23.3	12.2	26.3	23.8	7.6
Female.....	20.5	11.8	22.3	18.2	9.3
New London:					
Male.....	11.3	12.6	34.7	20.9	4.9
Female.....	11.0	7.2	34.1	27.3	9.5
Baltimore:					
Male.....	30.5	13.2	27.9	19.4	6.2
Female.....	24.0	15.4	23.3	20.6	10.8
Minor Maryland towns:					
Male.....	36.2	20.7	48.4	54.5	5.9
Female.....	40.1	16.9	31.5	32.7	12.5
Spartanburg:					
Male.....	3.5	1.4	6.6	7.3	-----
Female.....	17.3	5.8	11.3	7.0	4.7
Augusta:					
Male.....	18.4	13.4	25.4	15.9	10.8
Female.....	40.2	15.8	20.8	14.3	5.8
Macon:					
Male.....	20.6	7.1	13.0	22.5	7.0
Female.....	14.8	11.9	13.0	8.2	10.3
Des Moines:					
Male.....	49.1	37.5	32.4	21.9	8.6
Female.....	25.4	17.7	32.1	19.2	6.9
Louisville:					
Male.....	19.2	9.0	11.5	15.4	3.6
Female.....	25.6	6.6	9.6	7.8	4.1
Little Rock:					
Male.....	22.9	10.4	25.0	26.1	7.6
Female.....	10.0	9.9	21.9	16.5	9.3
San Antonio:					
Male.....	26.7	15.3	44.6	40.8	14.9
Female.....	13.8	15.5	40.6	26.7	12.5
San Francisco:					
Male.....	20.8	12.8	31.1	24.0	19.6
Female.....	19.7	10.6	17.6	16.7	10.9

## RATIO OF FEMALE RATE TO MALE

All localities.....	88	97	85	76	122
New London.....	97	57	98	131	194
Baltimore.....	79	117	84	106	174
Minor Maryland towns.....	111	82	65	60	212
Spartanburg.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Augusta.....	218	118	82	90	54
Macon.....	72	168	100	36	147
Des Moines.....	52	47	99	88	80
Louisville.....	133	73	84	51	114
Little Rock.....	44	95	88	63	122
San Antonio.....	52	101	91	65	84
San Francisco.....	95	83	67	70	86

<sup>1</sup> Inclusion of deaths from influenza as pneumonia cases was not possible in this table, except where the case was originally recorded as pneumonia.

The tendency is toward an excess in the male rate at the ages 20 to 39 and is evidently present in a great proportion of the localities.

## COLOR

The recorded pneumonia incidence was generally greater among the white than among the colored population. The following table gives the cases and rates by color for each locality in which there was a considerable number of colored (except Charles County).

TABLE 23.—*Incidence of pneumonia in canvassed white and colored populations of certain surveyed localities during epidemic of 1918-19*

Locality	Pneumonia rate per 1,000		Ratio of colored rate to white	Number of cases		Number of persons	
	White	Colored		White	Colored	White	Colored
Louisville, Ky.....	10.1	2.7	0.27	107	4	10,534	1,465
Augusta, Ga.....	19.7	8.8	.45	48	15	2,434	1,689
Baltimore, Md.....	19.1	9.3	.48	556	39	29,085	4,195
Macon, Ga.....	13.7	10.9	.80	82	21	5,971	1,930
Minor Maryland towns.....	26.2	18.7	.71	309	12	11,782	643
Little Rock, Ark.....	16.9	13.6	.80	123	36	7,262	2,654
Spartanburg, S. C.....	6.9	5.2	.75	32	3	4,652	581

In some localities the colored population seemed almost to escape the disease, while the white population was severely affected. In Baltimore the white and colored rates were, respectively, 19.1 and 9.3, and in Louisville 10.1 and 2.7. This relation is consistent with the fact that, in the canvassed populations, the mortality was slightly higher in the white than in the colored.

#### Mortality and Case Fatality

Rates of mortality in the general population of this country during the pandemic of 1918 have been thoroughly analyzed. There is no occasion to refer to them in the present paper, or to utilize the record of deaths obtained in the canvass to corroborate such findings. The value of these records lies rather in the fact that by means of them we may have a fairly precise conception of the case fatality of the 1918 epidemic in the communities surveyed. The section will deal with the case fatality of the epidemic as a whole (the percentage which the influenza-pneumonia deaths are of the influenza cases) and the case fatality of pneumonia (the percentage which these deaths are of the pneumonia cases), together with some reference to the mortality rates themselves.

It has been previously pointed out that it is impossible to distinguish between deaths reported as due to influenza and those reported as due to pneumonia—in practically all cases both of these diseases contributed to the deaths. Therefore only a slight error will be introduced in taking the relation between the influenza-pneumonia deaths and the total epidemic or pneumonia cases. Obviously these deaths also include a small number of normal or nonepidemic deaths. In view of the small size of the samples and the lack of information as to the normal rate of pneumonia in these sample areas, it has been impossible to limit the study to epidemic deaths alone.

In the six communities in which a comparison was possible, it was found that the influenza-pneumonia death rate in the canvassed population was only about 70 per cent of that in the city as a whole during the same period. The discrepancy was found consistently in each



community, varying from 57 per cent in Louisville to 84 per cent in Baltimore. The data are recorded in Table 24, which gives also the mortality rates in the surveyed areas of the localities for which mortality rates for the whole city were not determined.

TABLE 24.—*Mortality from influenza-pneumonia during epidemic period in total populations of certain surveyed localities and in canvassed populations of same localities*

Locality	Middle date of survey	Estimated population	Death rates per 1,000 based on reported deaths in total population	Deaths reported from September 1 to middle date of survey	Death rates per 1,000 canvassed persons	Ratio of rate for canvassed population to that for total population
Baltimore.....	Jan. 15 <sup>1</sup>	680,000	6.2	4,239	5.2	0.84
Cumberland.....	Dec. 3	27,300	10.8	295	7.1	.66
Augusta.....	Feb. 4	55,000	6.3	348	4.4	.70
Louisville.....	Dec. 16	245,000	3.7	908	2.1	.57
Little Rock.....	Jan. 3	65,000	5.1	330	3.9	.77
San Francisco.....	Feb. 15 <sup>1</sup>	475,000	7.8	3,700	4.8	.62
New London.....	Dec. 10	25,000	-----	-----	5.8	-----
Minor Maryland towns <sup>2</sup> .....	Dec. 5	26,190	-----	-----	6.4	-----
Charles County, Md.....	Mar. 12	18,326	-----	-----	9.1	-----
Spartanburg.....	Dec. 18	22,500	-----	-----	1.9	-----
Macon.....	Dec. 9	50,000	-----	-----	3.2	-----
Des Moines.....	Feb. 4	115,000	-----	-----	3.8	-----
San Antonio.....	Dec. 14	150,000	-----	-----	4.2	-----

<sup>1</sup> Middle date of canvass.

<sup>2</sup> Exclusive of Cumberland (given above).

There are a number of factors which may tend to explain the lower mortality rates in the canvassed populations: (a) Deaths of nonresidents in hospitals in the city have a tendency to raise the city mortality rates, but would not appear in the canvassed population; (b) there might be a tendency for persons visited to fail to mention deaths occurring in the family some time previously; (c) canvassed populations naturally do not include certain groups of the population in which mortality rates are likely to be excessive, such as boarding houses. Whatever the cause of this discrepancy, it is manifest that the case fatality rates to be discussed are affected by it in some degree.

The case fatality for all localities (percentage of total cases which were fatal) was 1.70. If we consider the pneumonia cases alone, it was 25.5 (omitting Charles County). The data by locality are given in Table 25.

TABLE 25.—*Influenza and pneumonia case fatality in canvassed populations of each surveyed locality during epidemic of 1918-19*

Locality	Fatality rate per 100 cases		Per cent of influenza complicated by pneumonia	Number of cases		Number of deaths
	Influenza	Pneumonia		Influenza	Pneumonia	
All localities.....	1.70	125.5	16.8	42,920	12,290	730
New London.....	3.14	33.8	9.3	1,466	136	46
Charles County, Md.....	2.25			6,546		147
San Francisco.....	2.24	28.0	8.0	4,021	321	90
Baltimore.....	2.10	28.7	7.3	8,199	599	172
Minor Maryland towns.....	1.66	26.1	6.4	5,060	322	84
Des Moines.....	1.63	15.9	10.2	1,353	138	22
Macon.....	1.49	24.3	6.1	1,681	103	25
Louisville.....	1.39	22.5	6.2	1,797	111	25
Augusta.....	1.28	28.6	4.5	1,405	63	18
Little Rock.....	1.09	24.5	4.5	3,565	159	39
Spartanburg.....	.89	28.6	3.1	1,126	35	10
San Antonio.....	.78	17.2	4.5	6,701	303	52

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Charles County, Md.

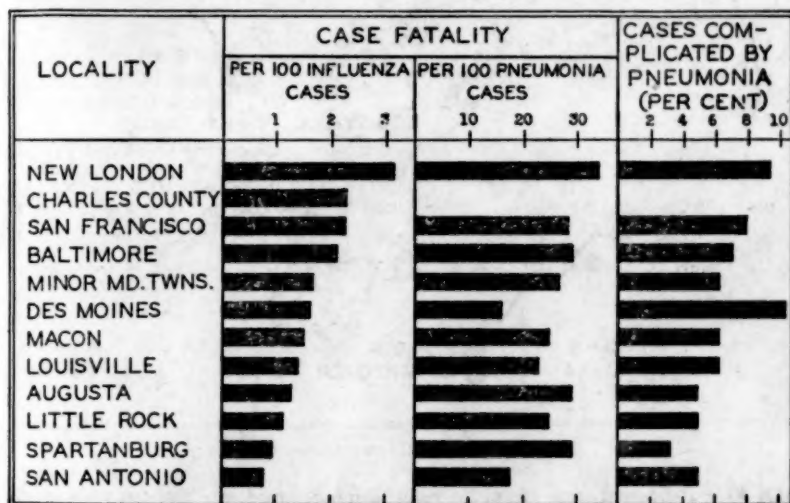


FIGURE 7.—Case fatality of influenza and of pneumonia, with percentage of cases complicated by pneumonia, in specified localities

A great variation in the fatality rates is observable, which is no doubt partly due to the small number of deaths. For total influenza, the fatality varies from 3.14 per cent in New London to 0.78 per cent in San Antonio. The coefficient of variability is 37.<sup>10</sup> The pneumonia fatality showed much less variation, the coefficient being 23. The highest rate was in New London (33.8) and the lowest in Des Moines (15.9). These fatality rates are presented by graph in Figure 7, together with the percentage of cases complicated by pneumonia.

<sup>10</sup> In making this calculation the minor Maryland towns were subdivided. See p. 305. Coefficient of variability is the standard deviation times 100 divided by the mean.

Examination of the graph shows that the influenza case fatality seemed somewhat lower in the south central part of the country. A map has been included (fig. 8) to bring this out more clearly. The fatality rate is indicated by symbols of varying degrees of density.

A comparison of the influenza case fatality with that obtained in certain other house-to-house canvasses is next given (Table 26). Since the available data are for the northeast section of the country, the only rates from the Public Health Service surveys which have been included in the table are for New London, Baltimore, and the minor Maryland towns.

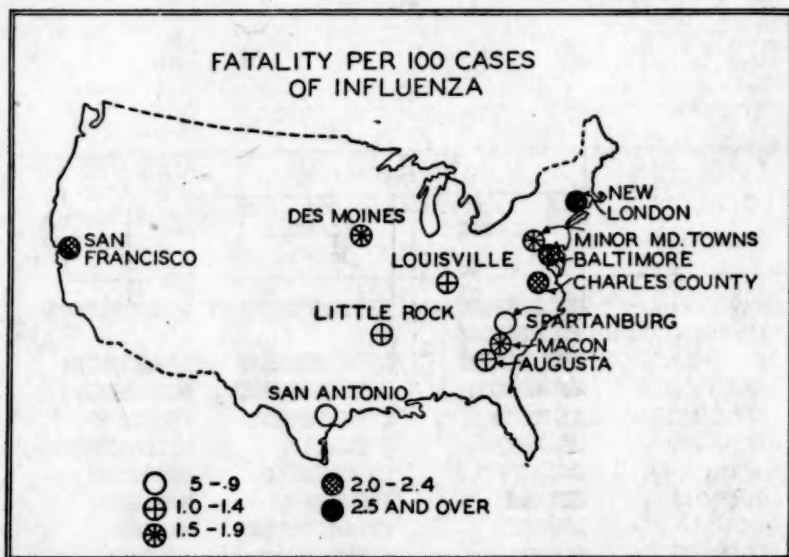


FIGURE 8.—Case fatality in different cities

TABLE 26.—Influenza case fatality rates during pandemic of 1918 in certain house-to-house canvasses

Locality	Case fatality (percentage)	Number of persons surveyed	Locality	Case fatality (percentage)	Number of persons surveyed
U. S. Public Health Surveys:			New Britain, Conn. <sup>1</sup>	3.9	2,757
New London.....	3.1	7,933	Watertown, N. Y. <sup>1</sup>	3.1	26,473
Baltimore.....	2.1	33,361	Boston <sup>1</sup>	2.5	10,050
Minor Maryland towns.....	1.7	12,482	Oswego, N. Y. <sup>2</sup>	2.4	12,952

<sup>1</sup> Statistics of the 1918 Epidemic of Influenza in Connecticut. 1920. Journ. Infect. Dis., 26:185. Winslow, C.-E. A., and Rogers, J. F.

<sup>2</sup> Some Statistics of Influenza in Oswego and Watertown in 1918-19. Off. Bull. N. Y. State Dept. of Health, 4:53. Baker, G. W.

<sup>3</sup> Influenza: An Epidemiological Study. Am. Journ. Hyg., Monograph No. 1, 260 pp. 1921. Vaughan, W. T.

A question arises as to whether the incidence of influenza or the incidence of pneumonia determined the mortality rates in the sur-

veyed communities. This question can be considered from several angles. For instance, the fact that the case fatality of pneumonia was less variable than that of the epidemic as a whole (as previously noted) suggests that it was the presence of the secondary invaders which primarily determined the mortality. Another point of view is to consider the correlation of the rates of influenza, pneumonia, and deaths. The highest correlation is between the incidence of pneumonia and the mortality rates, but there is a definite correlation in the

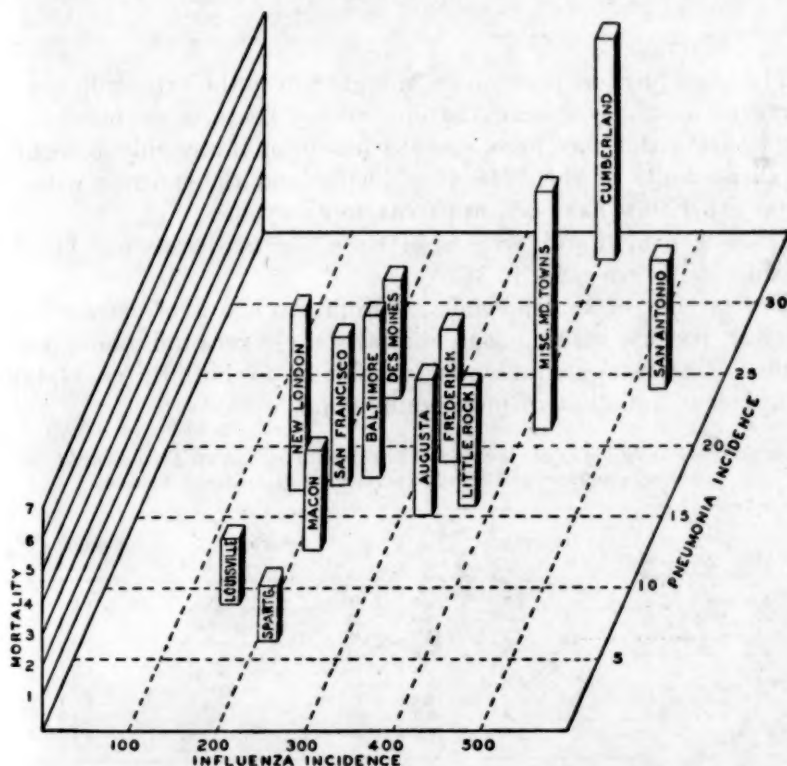


FIGURE 9.—Composite picture of incidence and mortality in the various localities

other two instances. The coefficients are as follows: Influenza incidence-pneumonia incidence,  $+ .63$ ; influenza incidence-mortality,  $+ .66$ ; pneumonia incidence-mortality,  $+ .77$ . A composite picture of the interrelations by locality is shown in Figure 9, where the height of the vertical bars represents the mortality rates.

#### AGE

The age curve of mortality from the epidemic is given for all localities in Table 27, first for both sexes combined and then for males and females separately.

TABLE 27.—*Mortality per 1,000 persons from influenza-pneumonia by sex and age in all surveyed localities during epidemic of 1918-19*

Age group	Both sexes	Male	Female	Age group	Both sexes	Male	Female
All ages.....	5.0	5.3	4.7	20-24.....	6.2	6.8	5.8
Under 1.....	15.2	17.1	13.3	25-29.....	9.9	13.3	7.6
1-4.....	6.2	5.4	7.1	30-34.....	7.9	9.1	6.8
Under 5.....	7.9	7.6	8.3	35-39.....	6.3	7.9	4.7
5-9.....	2.2	1.9	2.4	40-44.....	4.0	4.1	3.9
10-14.....	2.1	1.4	2.8	45-49.....	2.9	3.5	2.3
15-19.....	3.4	4.0	2.9	50-59.....	2.6	2.8	2.4
				60-69.....	4.3	3.3	5.6
				70 and over.....	5.1	4.2	5.8

The most obvious point to be brought out is the extraordinary age curve of mortality during the epidemic. There is no necessity of emphasizing this fact here, since it has been thoroughly recognized in all accounts of the 1918-19 epidemic and the contrast with the usual experience has been apparent to everyone.

Discussion of the differences between the two sexes will be postponed until later. (See p. 334.)

The fatality of the epidemic according to age is of extraordinary interest, because it brings out so clearly the severe toll among young adults. The rates are presented in Table 28, for both the case fatality of influenza and that of pneumonia alone.

TABLE 28.—*Fatality of influenza and of pneumonia by age, in all surveyed localities during epidemic of 1918-19 (percentage of cases which died)*

Age group	Influenza	Pneumonia <sup>1</sup>	Age group	Influenza	Pneumonia <sup>1</sup>
All ages.....	1.7	25.5	20-24.....	1.9	25.0
Under 1.....	7.4	43.3	25-29.....	2.9	30.1
1-4.....	1.8	18.6	30-34.....	2.4	28.0
Under 5.....	2.5	23.1	35-39.....	2.1	28.6
5-9.....	0.6	11.8	40-44.....	1.7	28.6
10-14.....	0.6	16.1	45-49.....	1.4	27.4
15-19.....	1.0	19.1	50-59.....	1.5	28.0
			60-69.....	3.1	45.1
			70 and over.....	5.1	57.9

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Charles County, Md.

The very high incidence of pneumonia in young adult ages (previously discussed) is evidently the most important factor in the determination of the curves shown herewith. The fatality of influenza rises to nearly 3 per cent in the age group 25 to 29 and then falls to less than 1.5 per cent. In old age it rises again, reaching 5 per cent or more. Pneumonia cases themselves do not show this striking change in fatality in young adult life. As a matter of fact, the pneumonia fatality curve, except for an expected high value at the beginning of life, rises rather consistently from 12 per cent in the age group 5 to 9 to nearly 60 per cent in old age. It must again be stressed that the picture of pneumonia fatality includes the cases and deaths



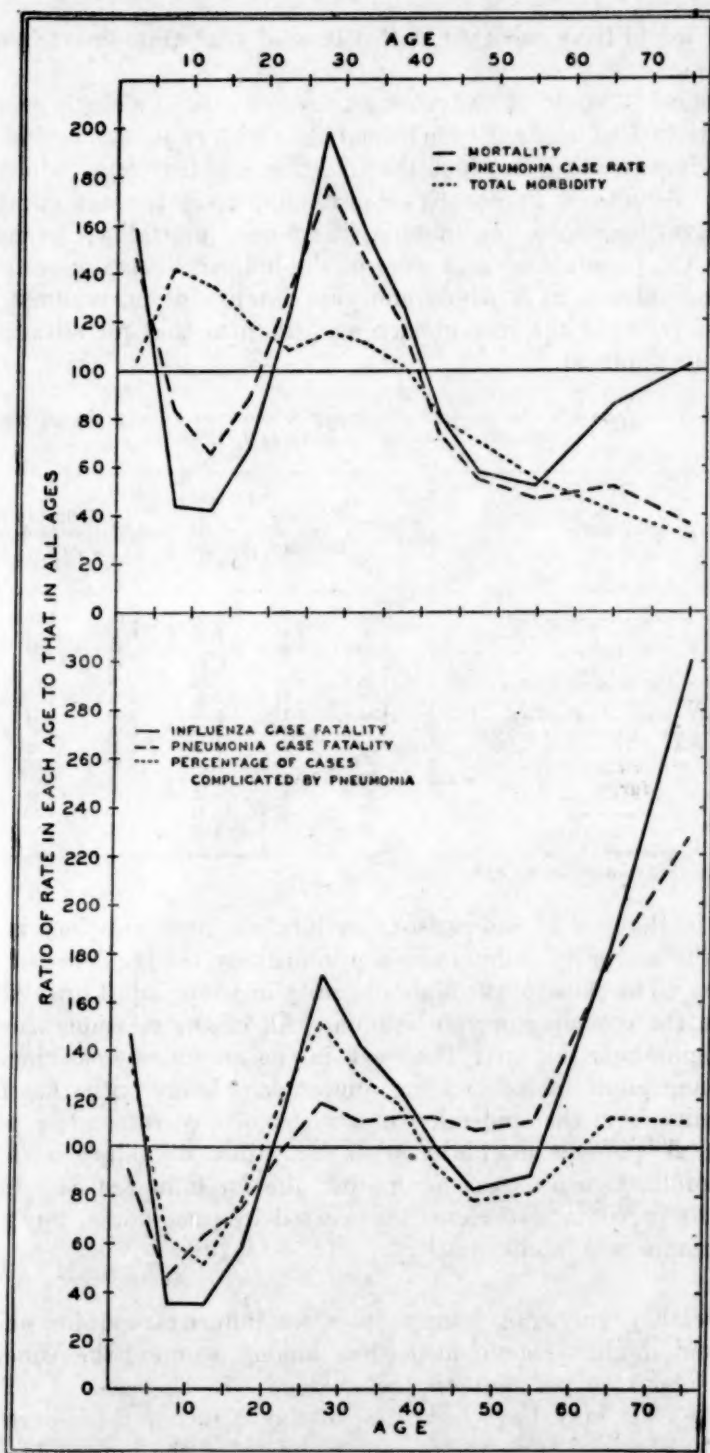


FIGURE 10.—Epidemic relations, by age, on relative basis (all ages=1.00). (Charles County omitted in rates involving pneumonia incidence)

which would have occurred at this time of year quite apart from the epidemic.

Perhaps it would be convenient to summarize in a single graph all the relations which have been brought out with respect to age, because the striking manner in which the epidemic affected young adults is so clearly depicted. Figure 10, accordingly, gives the age curves for influenza incidence, pneumonia incidence, mortality, percentage which the pneumonia cases were of the influenza cases, case fatality of the epidemic as a whole and case fatality of pneumonia. The indices (ratio of the rate in each age group to that for all ages) are given in Table 29.

TABLE 29.—*Ratio of rates in each age group to those in all ages in all canvassed localities during epidemic of 1918-19*

Age group	Influenza incidence	Pneumonia incidence	Per cent complicated by pneumonia <sup>1</sup>	Mortality	Influenza case fatality	Pneumonia case fatality <sup>1</sup>
All ages.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Under 5.....	1.04	1.47	1.37	1.59	1.47	.91
5-9.....	1.42	.84	.62	.44	.35	.46
10-14.....	1.34	.65	.51	.42	.35	.63
15-19.....	1.18	.88	.78	.68	.59	.75
20-24.....	1.08	1.31	1.21	1.24	1.12	.98
25-29.....	1.16	1.77	1.51	1.98	1.71	1.18
30-34.....	1.11	1.46	1.29	1.58	1.41	1.10
35-39.....	1.02	1.19	1.17	1.26	1.24	1.12
40-44.....	.80	.74	.92	.80	1.00	1.12
45-49.....	.70	.55	.78	.58	.82	1.07
50-59.....	.55	.47	.81	.32	.88	1.10
60-69.....	.42	.52	1.11	.86	1.82	1.77
70 and over.....	.31	.37	1.10	1.02	3.00	2.27

<sup>1</sup>Exclusive of Charles County, Md.

As in the case of comparisons by locality, these relations indicate that the mortality is determined primarily by the incidence of pneumonia. The cause of the high mortality in young adult life evidently lies in the complicating pneumonia. All of the relations shown in this figure bear this out: The peak in the pneumonia case incidence in young adult life, coinciding almost completely with that of the mortality from the epidemic; the absence of a corresponding peak in the total epidemic morbidity (except a minor secondary mode) and (by corollary) a peak in young adult life for influenza case fatality and the percentage of cases complicated by pneumonia, but not for pneumonia case fatality itself.

#### SEX

Mortality and case fatality rates for influenza and for pneumonia were higher among men than among women, the differences being about 10 per cent on the average. In the case of influenza fatality, this may have been due to the fact that the reports were usually obtained from the female members of the household, giving

a relatively higher rate of influenza among them. But a similar explanation is hardly possible in the case of pneumonia fatality. Table 30 gives the relations between the two sexes for all the measures which have been employed in this report. All ratios based on pneumonia incidence are exclusive of Charles County, Md., as indicated. For the other cases, all 12 localities are used. Since it was found that adjustment for age made little difference in the ratio between the two sexes (see p. 324), these rates are given without adjustment.

TABLE 30.—*Epidemic relations by sex in all surveyed localities during epidemic of 1918-19*

	Male	Female	Ratio female to male
Influenza incidence (per 1,000).....	288	299	104
Pneumonia incidence <sup>1</sup> (per 1,000).....	18.4	17.0	92
Percentage of influenza cases which were complicated by pneumonia <sup>1</sup> .....	6.8	5.9	87
Mortality (per 1,000).....	5.3	4.7	89
Case fatality—influenza (per cent).....	1.8	1.6	89
Case fatality—pneumonia alone <sup>1</sup> (per cent).....	26.5	24.5	92

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Charles County, Md.

The mortality rates by age and sex have already been given. (Table 27.) The excess among men would seem to occur at the ages when the epidemic took its severest toll (20 to 40). This is equally borne out in the fatality rates, which are given in Figure 11, especially in the case of influenza case fatality. The two sexes evidently present a quite different picture, which may be regarded as of importance in connection with the epidemiological problems raised by the disease. The data are given in Table 31. Table 32 gives corresponding figures for the percentage of cases complicated by pneumonia.

TABLE 31.—*Fatality of influenza and of pneumonia by age and sex in all surveyed localities during epidemic of 1918-19*

Age group	Fatality per 100 cases of influenza		Fatality per 100 cases of pneumonia <sup>1</sup>		Age group	Fatality per 100 cases of influenza		Fatality per 100 cases of pneumonia <sup>1</sup>	
	Males	Females	Males	Females		Males	Females	Males	Females
All ages.....	1.8	1.6	26.5	24.5	20 to 24.....	2.4	1.7	27.5	23.6
Under 1.....	8.0	6.7	44.1	42.3	25 to 29.....	4.1	2.2	36.3	24.5
1 to 4.....	1.5	2.2	12.9	25.0	30 to 34.....	2.8	2.1	29.9	25.9
Under 5.....	2.4	2.8	19.0	28.0	35 to 39.....	2.7	1.6	31.1	25.3
5 to 9.....	.6	.6	11.4	12.2	40 to 44.....	1.7	1.7	29.1	28.1
10 to 14.....	.4	.7	11.4	20.9	45 to 49.....	1.8	1.1	28.6	25.8
15 to 19.....	1.2	.8	22.1	16.1	50 to 59.....	1.7	1.3	40.0	21.2
					60 to 69.....	2.3	3.8	43.8	45.7
					70 and over.....	4.2	5.7	60.0	57.1

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Charles County.

TABLE 32.—*Percentage of influenza cases which were complicated by pneumonia, by age and sex in all localities, during epidemic of 1918-19<sup>1</sup>*

Age group	Both sexes	Male	Female	Age group	Both sexes	Male	Female
All ages.....	6.3	6.8	5.9	20 to 24.....	7.6	9.4	6.8
Under 1.....	12.2	13.6	11.0	25 to 29.....	9.5	12.1	7.9
1 to 4.....	8.1	8.2	7.9	30 to 34.....	8.1	9.4	7.0
Under 5.....	8.6	8.9	8.3	35 to 39.....	7.4	8.5	6.2
5 to 9.....	3.9	3.7	4.1	40 to 44.....	5.8	5.7	5.8
10 to 14.....	3.2	3.4	3.0	45 to 49.....	4.9	5.7	4.1
15 to 19.....	4.9	5.8	4.2	50 to 59.....	5.1	4.1	6.0
				60 to 69.....	7.0	5.0	8.5
				70 and over.....	6.9	4.5	8.5

<sup>1</sup> Exclusive of Charles County.

## COLOR

Outside of Charles County, Md., the fatality rate per 100 cases of influenza was about the same in the white and colored populations,<sup>11</sup> 1.7 and 1.9, respectively. The pneumonia case fatality (excluding Charles County) in the white and colored was 28.8 and 39.8, respectively. Thus we are probably warranted in concluding that the case fatality was really higher in the colored populations of the surveyed communities.

## Summary

The purpose of this report has been to make a permanent record, for future reference, of the statistics obtained by the surveys, not to offer any extended discussion of their meaning. Hence there is no necessity for any detailed summary of the findings. Certain major points, however, are of considerable interest.

Special surveys were undertaken at the close of the 1918-19 epidemic of influenza to determine for a population of known sex, age, and color composition the approximate incidence of the disease, and also to ascertain the relations between the epidemic morbidity, the incidence of pneumonia, and the mortality. Preliminary reports on the surveys were published at the completion of the work.

The incidence of influenza (including pneumonia and "doubtful" cases) was 294 per 1,000 for all localities, varying from 535 to 150. These rates correspond closely with what was found in other surveys of the same general character. There seemed to be no clear indication of a geographical difference in incidence.

The incidence was highest among very young persons (age group 5 to 9 years), with a secondary peak at about 30 years. The rate of attack fell off rapidly in older life. Among old people the incidence appeared to be not more than one-third of that among the young.

Slightly higher influenza rates were found among females (except in two localities), but it seemed possible that this was due to the fact that most of the reports as to illness came from the women, who

<sup>11</sup> New London, San Antonio, Des Moines, and San Francisco excluded. In the case of these calculations by color, it was not possible to add to the pneumonia cases deaths reported as due to influenza.

might remember their own illnesses better than those of other members of the family. The colored had lower rates of influenza incidence, but it is possible that the reporting among them was less complete.

A special effort was made to determine the incidence of pneumonia as complicating the original case of influenza. For all localities the

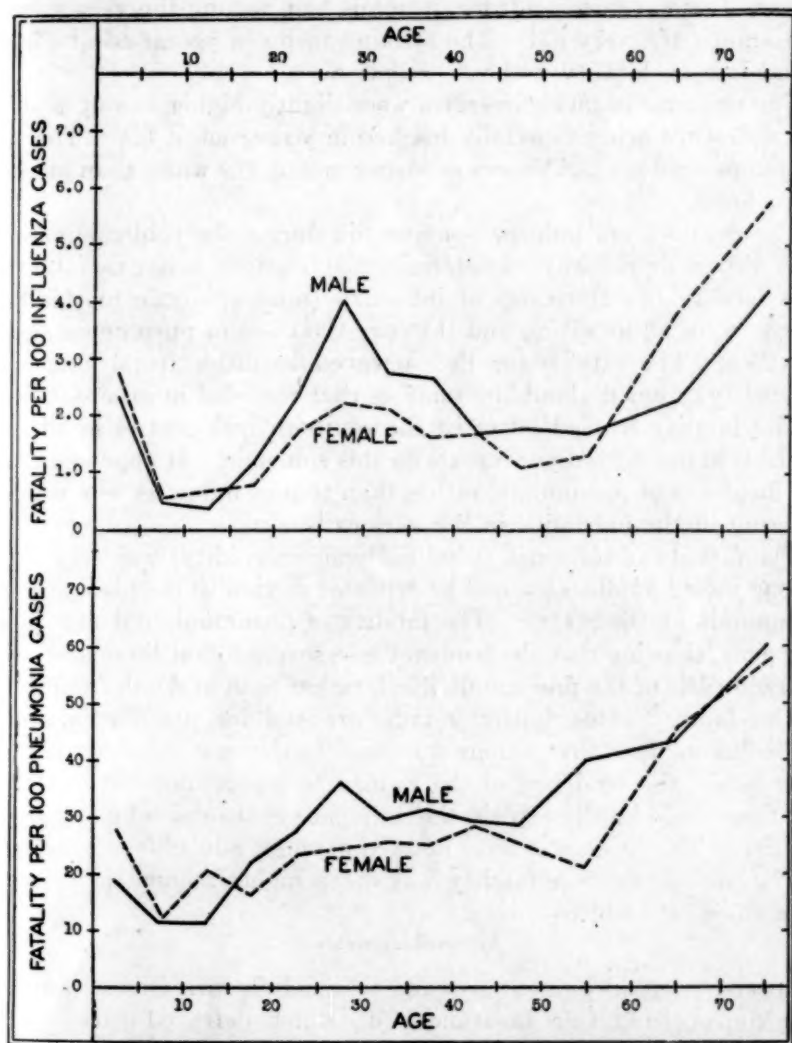


FIGURE 11.—Influenza and pneumonia fatality, by age and sex, in all surveyed localities during the 1918-19 epidemic. (Pneumonia fatality is exclusive of Charles County)

pneumonia rate was 17.6 per 1,000 persons, varying from 25.8 to 6.7. In other words, about 6 per cent of the influenza cases were complicated by pneumonia.

The peak in young adult life suggested in the epidemic morbidity as a whole comes out with remarkable clarity in the pneumonia



incidence. For all localities the rate is about 25 per 1,000 at the beginning of life, falls to about 11 in the age group 10 to 14, and then rises to a secondary mode of about 31 in the age group 25 to 29. After that the rate falls rather steadily to the end of life. This age distribution is, of course, fundamentally different from the normal course of pneumonia incidence, which is high among the very young and among the very old. The striking mode in young adult life is found in each locality without exception.

The pneumonia incidence rates were slightly higher among males, the difference being especially marked in young adult life. The recorded pneumonia incidence was higher among the white than among the colored.

The deaths from influenza-pneumonia during the epidemic period were obtained primarily to determine the relations as to case fatality. The fatality per 100 cases of influenza (total epidemic morbidity) was 1.70 for all localities, and that per 100 cases of pneumonia alone was 25.5. The fatality for the surveyed localities (total epidemic morbidity) seemed about the same as that recorded in other studies.

The fatality seemed lower in the southern and central localities, which is in line with other reports on this epidemic. It appeared that the incidence of pneumonia, rather than that of influenza as a whole, determined the mortality in the various localities.

The fatality of influenza (total epidemic morbidity) was very high among young adults, as would be expected in view of the high peak of pneumonia at these ages. The fatality of pneumonia did not show this peak, showing that the tendency to a severe toll at these ages was characteristic of the pneumonia itself, rather than of death from it.

The fatality rates, both for influenza and for pneumonia, were higher among men than among women. In the case of influenza, this may reflect the tendency of the women to report more adequately; but that would hardly explain the difference in the case of pneumonia fatality. The excess was most marked in young adult life.

The pneumonia case fatality was much higher among the colored than among the white.

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## DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED JANUARY 16, 1932

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies, for the week ended January 16, 1932, and corresponding week of 1931. (From the Weekly Health Index, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

	Week ended Jan. 16, 1932	Corresponding week, 1931
Policies in force.....	74, 179, 429	75, 092, 689
Number of death claims.....	15, 052	17, 116
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	10. 6	11. 9
Death claims per 1,000 policies, first 2 weeks of year, annual rate.....	9.9	11. 2

Deaths <sup>1</sup> from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended January 16, 1932, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1931. (From the Weekly Health Index, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce)

[The rates furnished in this summary are based upon mid-year population estimates derived from the 1930 census]

City	Week ended Jan. 16, 1932				Corresponding week, 1931		Death rate <sup>2</sup> for the first 2 weeks	
	Total deaths	Death rate <sup>1</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	Infant mor- tality rate <sup>3</sup>	Death rate <sup>1</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	1932	1931
Total (83 cities).....	8, 402	12. 1	633	4. 53	14. 0	803	12. 5	14. 0
Akron.....	45	8. 9	3	37	7. 9	4	9. 6	8. 7
Albany <sup>4</sup> .....	37	14. 8	0	0	14. 9	2	16. 6	16. 0
Atlanta <sup>5</sup> .....	77	14. 2	9	88	15. 4	9	17. 2	16. 0
White.....	37	10. 3	3	44	11. 9	5	12. 5	13. 6
Colored.....	40	21. 9	6	172	22. 4	4	26. 5	20. 7
Baltimore <sup>1, 6</sup> .....	230	14. 7	18	64	14. 2	19	14. 8	14. 9
White.....	177	13. 8	10	45	12. 8	11	14. 0	13. 8
Colored.....	53	18. 4	8	129	20. 6	8	18. 4	19. 9
Birmingham <sup>6</sup> .....	61	11. 5	5	52	13. 6	10	13. 4	14. 6
White.....	27	8. 2	4	66	10. 3	2	10. 7	9. 5
Colored.....	34	16. 9	1	27	18. 8	8	17. 9	22. 9
Boston.....	242	16. 0	25	76	16. 6	20	15. 9	15. 6
Bridgeport.....	38	13. 5	4	71	12. 1	4	13. 7	14. 4
Buffalo.....	146	13. 0	9	43	15. 0	13	13. 6	14. 2
Cambridge.....	36	16. 4	7	145	11. 4	5	16. 4	12. 6
Camden.....	39	17. 1	3	53	14. 5	2	14. 9	16. 0
Canton.....	25	12. 1	5	124	13. 2	5	11. 1	11. 2
Chicago <sup>6</sup> .....	683	10. 1	51	50	10. 8	72	11. 3	11. 1
Cincinnati.....	131	14. 8	5	32	19. 2	14	15. 6	20. 5
Cleveland.....	192	10. 9	16	52	11. 7	13	11. 5	11. 5
Columbus.....	82	14. 3	4	40	13. 6	4	16. 7	14. 3
Dallas <sup>6</sup> .....	59	10. 9	10	-----	13. 2	6	11. 6	13. 8
White.....	45	10. 1	7	-----	12. 7	4	9. 8	13. 1
Colored.....	14	15. 0	3	-----	15. 4	2	19. 9	17. 6
Dayton.....	54	11. 9	5	72	12. 8	8	11. 4	13. 6
Denver.....	107	19. 0	4	39	17. 7	5	21. 8	17. 1
Des Moines.....	33	11. 8	0	0	14. 1	1	11. 3	13. 4
Detroit.....	270	8. 2	37	66	8. 8	43	8. 7	8. 7
Duluth.....	15	7. 7	2	58	13. 8	2	9. 0	13. 6
El Paso.....	27	13. 2	3	-----	17. 4	5	15. 4	21. 9
Erie.....	33	14. 5	3	64	12. 4	1	11. 6	11. 3
Fall River <sup>1, 7</sup> .....	32	14. 5	2	53	15. 8	5	12. 7	13. 8
Flint.....	18	5. 5	1	15	8. 6	5	7. 4	7. 8
Fort Worth <sup>8</sup> .....	34	10. 4	1	-----	12. 5	2	10. 6	13. 7
White.....	25	9. 1	1	-----	13. 0	2	9. 4	12. 5
Colored.....	9	17. 6	0	-----	9. 6	0	16. 6	20. 1
Grand Rapids.....	30	9. 0	1	17	10. 3	2	8. 0	9. 0
Houston <sup>8</sup> .....	76	12. 2	4	-----	13. 1	4	11. 8	12. 9
White.....	46	10. 1	2	-----	14. 2	4	10. 0	13. 2
Colored.....	30	18. 3	2	-----	10. 1	0	16. 8	11. 9
Indianapolis <sup>8</sup> .....	92	12. 8	7	57	15. 4	9	13. 6	14. 9
White.....	79	12. 6	7	64	14. 6	9	12. 8	14. 4
Colored.....	13	14. 7	0	0	20. 8	0	19. 3	19. 0

See footnotes at end of table.

*Deaths<sup>1</sup> from all causes in certain large cities of the United States during the week ended January 16, 1932, infant mortality, annual death rate, and comparison with corresponding week of 1931—Continued.*

City	Week ended Jan. 16, 1932				Corresponding week, 1931		Death rate <sup>2</sup> for the first 2 weeks	
	Total deaths	Death rate <sup>2</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	Infant mortality rate <sup>3</sup>	Death rate <sup>2</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	1932	1931
Jersey City.....	66	10.8	5	41	11.8	9	11.7	12.3
Kansas City, Kans.*	27	11.4	0	0	15.7	5	14.1	15.9
White.....	16	8.4	0	0	14.2	3	13.3	14.4
Colored.....	11	24.3	0	0	22.2	2	17.6	22.2
Kansas City, Mo.....	91	11.4	7	79	15.4	8	10.2	15.0
Knoxville <sup>4</sup> .....	31	14.5	6	152	15.3	6	11.7	15.5
White.....	24	13.4	6	167	14.3	5	10.6	13.7
Colored.....	7	20.0	0	0	20.5	1	17.1	24.9
Long Beach.....	30	9.7	0	0	11.3	1	11.2	10.6
Los Angeles.....	326	12.3	16	47	13.5	22	12.8	14.1
Louisville <sup>4</sup> .....	105	17.4	2	18	16.4	7	15.5	20.9
White.....	80	16.0	2	21	14.4	6	14.2	19.2
Colored.....	23	25.2	0	0	27.3	1	22.4	30.1
Lowell <sup>5</sup> .....	29	15.1	2	52	12.0	4	14.1	13.3
Lynn.....	22	11.2	0	0	15.2	1	12.4	14.7
Memphis <sup>4</sup> .....	101	20.0	13	142	15.9	2	17.8	16.8
White.....	40	12.8	3	51	12.1	0	12.5	14.7
Colored.....	61	31.7	10	301	22.1	2	26.2	20.3
Miami <sup>4</sup> .....	31	14.2	1	28	14.4	3	14.5	12.3
White.....	24	14.2	1	39	16.1	2	13.9	13.5
Colored.....	7	14.5	0	0	8.2	1	16.5	8.2
Milwaukee.....	101	8.8	6	29	10.0	9	9.8	10.3
Minneapolis.....	83	9.0	6	39	11.6	14	9.6	12.8
Nashville <sup>4</sup> .....	34	11.3	3	45	18.1	2	13.7	17.3
White.....	26	11.9	3	59	16.2	1	13.3	14.8
Colored.....	8	9.8	0	0	23.1	1	14.6	23.8
New Bedford <sup>7</sup> .....	23	10.7	1	29	12.5	2	12.3	13.9
New Haven.....	47	15.1	1	20	10.3	1	14.1	12.2
New Orleans <sup>4</sup> .....	137	15.1	9	51	21.0	12	16.2	21.4
White.....	85	13.2	4	35	18.5	4	13.8	18.6
Colored.....	52	19.8	5	82	27.1	8	22.1	28.3
New York.....	1,499	10.9	126	56	15.7	165	11.5	14.9
Bronx Borough.....	220	8.3	10	29	11.4	19	8.9	10.3
Brooklyn Borough.....	525	10.2	49	54	14.8	60	10.3	14.1
Manhattan Borough.....	558	16.4	53	76	23.9	64	17.5	22.6
Queens Borough.....	152	6.6	10	42	10.0	18	7.6	9.8
Richmond Borough.....	44	13.7	4	79	13.1	4	15.6	14.4
Newark, N. J.....	96	11.2	9	40	13.5	8	11.2	13.1
Oakland.....	70	12.2	4	50	13.0	2	12.3	14.4
Oklahoma City.....	40	10.2	4	55	11.9	6	11.0	12.2
Omaha.....	58	13.9	1	11	15.6	6	14.1	14.7
Paterson.....	40	15.0	2	36	17.3	4	15.4	15.2
Peoria.....	21	9.9	1	28	18.8	5	11.5	16.5
Philadelphia.....	451	11.9	25	39	16.5	43	13.1	16.1
Pittsburgh.....	157	12.1	15	69	16.7	24	14.1	16.6
Portland, Oreg.....	85	14.3	2	26	13.8	4	14.3	14.7
Providence.....	89	18.1	8	77	13.9	11	18.3	15.3
Richmond <sup>4</sup> .....	57	16.1	8	121	16.1	7	17.2	16.4
White.....	31	12.2	4	90	11.5	2	14.4	13.9
Colored.....	26	25.7	4	183	27.6	5	24.3	22.7
Rochester.....	85	13.3	9	86	11.5	9	12.4	13.1
St. Louis.....	288	18.1	23	82	16.3	23	15.8	16.5
St. Paul.....	52	9.7	5	53	11.0	4	9.5	11.4
Salt Lake City <sup>4</sup> .....	29	10.4	0	0	14.2	4	11.9	14.0
San Antonio.....	83	17.6	12	65	16.9	16	15.0	16.1
San Diego.....	52	16.6	3	65	14.7	5	15.7	17.0
San Francisco.....	163	12.9	4	28	16.6	8	15.0	14.6
Schenectady.....	15	8.1	1	29	8.1	1	9.8	8.4
Seattle.....	86	11.9	4	40	16.4	5	12.1	14.5
Somerville.....	22	10.8	1	40	8.9	0	12.1	11.6
South Bend.....	19	8.9	2	58	8.8	1	8.5	5.8
Spokane.....	29	13.0	1	27	17.5	5	14.5	14.1
Springfield, Mass.....	38	12.9	5	84	9.6	0	13.4	10.6
Syracuse.....	54	13.1	4	52	12.2	5	12.0	13.0
Tacoma.....	22	10.6	2	55	14.5	2	10.1	13.8
Tampa <sup>4</sup> .....	26	12.6	3	86	14.4	4	11.4	17.1
White.....	18	11.0	2	70	12.0	2	10.7	15.1
Colored.....	8	18.3	1	158	23.5	2	13.8	24.7
Toledo.....	68	11.8	4	43	11.2	3	11.6	11.8

See footnotes at end of table.

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City	Week ended Jan. 16, 1932				Corresponding week, 1931		Death rate <sup>2</sup> for the first 2 weeks	
	Total deaths	Death rate <sup>3</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	Infant mortality rate <sup>4</sup>	Death rate <sup>5</sup>	Deaths under 1 year	1932	1931
Trenton.....	33	13.9	0	0	12.6	1	16.4	19.6
Utica.....	33	16.8	1	28	20.4	3	14.2	17.6
Washington, D. C. <sup>6</sup> .....	167	17.7	10	56	17.7	8	15.9	18.6
White.....	111	16.2	4	33	15.2	6	14.2	16.3
Colored.....	56	21.4	6	107	24.3	3	20.3	24.7
Waterbury.....	15	7.7	0	0	6.7	1	8.2	7.8
Wilmington, Del. <sup>7</sup> .....	32	15.7	2	45	10.3	6	15.9	14.7
Worcester.....	49	12.9	3	42	16.9	1	13.7	14.9
Yonkers.....	23	8.5	2	52	11.6	4	8.6	11.1
Youngstown.....	30	8.9	5	81	9.3	0	9.2	12.2

<sup>1</sup> Deaths of nonresidents are included. Stillbirths are excluded.

<sup>2</sup> These rates represent annual rates per 1,000 population, as estimated for 1932 and 1931 by the arithmetical method.

<sup>3</sup> Deaths under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births. Cities left blank are not in the registration area for births.

<sup>4</sup> Data for 78 cities.

<sup>5</sup> Deaths for week ended Friday.

<sup>6</sup> For the cities for which deaths are shown by color, the percentages of colored population in 1930 were as follows: Atlanta, 33; Baltimore, 18; Birmingham, 38; Dallas, 17; Fort Worth, 16; Houston, 27; Indianapolis, 12; Kansas City, Kans., 19; Tampa, 21; Knoxville, 16; Louisville, 15; Memphis, 38; Miami, 23; Nashville, 28; New Orleans, 29; Richmond, 29; and Washington, D. C., 27.

<sup>7</sup> Population Apr. 1, 1930; decreased 1920 to 1930, no estimate made.



# PREVALENCE OF DISEASE

*No health department, State or local, can effectively prevent or control disease without knowledge of when, where, and under what conditions cases are occurring*

## UNITED STATES

### CURRENT WEEKLY STATE REPORTS

These reports are preliminary, and the figures are subject to change when later returns are received by the State health officers

Reports for Weeks Ended January 23, 1932, and January 24, 1931

*Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended January 23, 1932, and January 24, 1931*

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931
New England States:								
Maine.....	2	5	181	17	633	20	0	0
New Hampshire.....	2	3			44	25	0	0
Vermont.....		2			334	8	0	0
Massachusetts.....	55	61	29	114	349	643	1	4
Rhode Island.....	4	8		1	1,056		0	1
Connecticut.....	9	15	7	140	121	286	1	4
Middle Atlantic States:								
New York.....	168	126	129	1,140	884	329	6	20
New Jersey.....	30	58	11	744	104	388	5	4
Pennsylvania.....	112	127			1,030	1,022	9	8
East North Central States:								
Ohio.....	86	39	15	7	141	140	1	5
Indiana.....	69	64	29	33	213	251	6	12
Illinois.....	170	162	33	263	68	905	8	6
Michigan.....	46	48	1	2	217	143	6	6
Wisconsin.....	19	24	28	82	89	172	3	1
West North Central States:								
Minnesota.....	17	8	1	1	68	28	1	1
Iowa.....	26	8			3	3	0	2
Missouri.....	57	39	7	71	28	1,109	0	5
North Dakota.....		5			86	3	0	0
South Dakota.....	6	26			56	12	0	0
Nebraska.....	11	8		37	14	30	0	1
Kansas.....	44	28	4	12	79	53	0	2
South Atlantic States:								
Delaware.....	3	4	1	1	2	3	0	0
Maryland.....	35	25	41	1,226	11	229	3	0
District of Columbia.....	19	11	1	28	3	25	0	1
Virginia.....							3	3
West Virginia.....	42	13	64	150	336	30	0	0
North Carolina.....	38	33	23	177	137	163	3	3
South Carolina.....	12	16	389	1,968	20	27	0	0
Georgia.....	24	33	126	267	9	108	1	2
Florida.....	10	11	7	42	11	63	0	1

<sup>1</sup> New York City only.

<sup>2</sup> Week ended Friday.

<sup>3</sup> Typhus fever, week ended Jan. 23, 1932, 6 cases: 1 case in Maryland, 1 case in Georgia, and 4 cases in Alabama.

*Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended January 23, 1932, and January 24, 1931—Continued*

Division and State	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles		Meningococcus meningitis	
	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931
<b>East South Central States:</b>								
Kentucky.....	76	16		14	94	76	0	7
Tennessee.....	31	15	43	187	16	110	4	2
Alabama <sup>1</sup> .....	65	60	95	87	17	458	4	5
Mississippi.....	22	14					1	1
<b>West South Central States:</b>								
Arkansas.....	24	14	18	209	2	9	0	3
Louisiana.....	35	21	4	91	4	2	1	1
Oklahoma <sup>1</sup> .....	50	26	73	155	84	74	0	0
Texas.....	80	32	63	102	10	141	1	2
<b>Mountain States:</b>								
Montana.....	6	4	11		103	2	0	0
Idaho.....					2		1	1
Wyoming.....		1			1	2	0	3
Colorado.....	9	9			6	29	0	0
New Mexico.....	17	4	250	1	8	21	0	0
Arizona.....	2	14	42	22		125	0	9
Utah <sup>1</sup> .....	1	3		1	2	2	0	1
<b>Pacific States:</b>								
Washington.....	9	25			443	62	0	2
Oregon.....	5	5	70	56	40	115	0	0
California.....	79	62	235	93	252	546	5	6

Division and State	Pollomyelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid fever	
	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931
<b>New England States:</b>								
Maine.....	0	4	25	36	0	0	1	2
New Hampshire.....	1	0	14	5	1	0	0	0
Vermont.....	0	0	7	2	26	0	1	1
Massachusetts.....	2	3	549	325	20	6	3	0
Rhode Island.....	0	1	36	65	0	0	0	1
Connecticut.....	1	0	87	74	4	0	1	1
<b>Middle Atlantic States:</b>								
New York.....	1	0	909	739	4	1	15	6
New Jersey.....	1	0	209	252	0	0	3	1
Pennsylvania.....	3	2	589	580	0	2	26	1
<b>East North Central States:</b>								
Ohio.....	0	1	323	363	34	73	10	8
Indiana.....	0	1	100	391	31	108	0	0
Illinois.....	5	4	398	521	29	51	14	7
Michigan.....	1	1	319	381	16	88	2	4
Wisconsin.....	3	0	111	145	5	4	2	0
<b>West North Central States:</b>								
Minnesota.....	1	2	87	4	0	12	0	3
Iowa.....	1	1	64	89	67	46	0	2
Missouri.....	0	2	89	178	23	24	1	5
North Dakota.....	3	2	15	27	1	10	2	0
South Dakota.....	1	1	7	6	17	38	4	2
Nebraska.....	1	3	15	51	5	28	0	5
Kansas.....	0	0	74	68	1	87	4	1
<b>South Atlantic States:</b>								
Delaware.....	0	0	8	33	0	0	0	0
Maryland <sup>1</sup> .....	1	1	92	82	0	0	12	3
District of Columbia.....	0	0	21	32	0	0	3	1
Virginia.....	1	2						
West Virginia.....	0	0	46	57	4	19	7	12
North Carolina.....	2	1	57	58	1	0	5	4
South Carolina.....	0	1	11	17	2	0	11	4
Georgia <sup>1</sup> .....	1	0	32	68	0	0	5	7
Florida.....	1	0	1	7	0	0	11	2

<sup>1</sup> Week ended Friday.

<sup>2</sup> Typhoid fever, week ended Jan. 23, 1932, 6 cases: 1 case in Maryland, 1 case in Georgia, and 4 cases in Alabama.

<sup>3</sup> Figures for 1932 are exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, and for 1931 are exclusive of Tulsa only.

*Cases of certain communicable diseases reported by telegraph by State health officers for weeks ended January 23, 1932, and January 24, 1931—Continued*

Division and State	Poliomyelitis		Scarlet fever		Smallpox		Typhoid fever	
	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931	Week ended Jan. 23, 1932	Week ended Jan. 24, 1931
East South Central States:								
Kentucky.....	1	0	124	114	8	16	19	9
Tennessee.....	0	0	62	42	16	5	21	3
Alabama *.....	2	3	30	62	16	6	24	14
Mississippi.....	1	0	23	25	58	12	6	2
West South Central States:								
Arkansas.....	0	1	14	35	20	42	6	8
Louisiana.....	1	1	15	28	4	10	9	2
Oklahoma *.....	0	0	26	34	36	97	2	10
Texas.....	1	0	98	65	72	31	8	7
Mountain States:								
Montana.....	0	0	45	59	2	2	3	2
Idaho.....	0	1	12	20	2	2	0	0
Wyoming.....	0	1	18	50	0	2	0	0
Colorado.....	0	0	46	45	4	19	2	1
New Mexico.....	0	0	9	7	1	2	1	0
Arizona.....	0	0	5	4	0	14	0	1
Utah *.....	0	0	18	6	0	1	0	1
Pacific States:								
Washington.....	0	1	39	50	32	36	3	2
Oregon.....	1	1	27	14	20	19	3	0
California.....	2	7	149	142	21	82	5	6

\* Week ended Friday.

\* Typhus fever, week ended Jan. 23, 1932, 6 cases: 1 case in Maryland, 1 case in Georgia, and 4 cases in Alabama.

\* Figures for 1932 are exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa, and for 1931 are exclusive of Tulsa only.

### SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FROM STATES

The following summary of cases reported monthly by States is published weekly and covers only those States from which reports are received during the current week:

State	Menin- gococ- cus menin- gitis	Diph- theria	Infl- uenza	Ma- laria	Mea- sles	Pel- lagra	Polio- myelitis	Scarlet fever	Small- pox	Ty- phoid fever
<i>November, 1931</i>										
Colorado.....	4	22					1	129		26
Kansas.....	1	311	1	1	102		1	282	31	12
<i>December, 1931</i>										
Alabama.....	6	263	83	87	73	54	11	207	2	72
Arkansas.....	2	132	49	39	49	13	0	100	40	41
Idaho.....	1	7	14		5		0	63	23	4
Illinois.....	25	603	104	23	168	2	42	1,378	88	82
Indiana.....	39	325	71	4	121		3	406	36	29
Maryland.....	5	288	94		38		2	420	0	44
Minnesota.....	7	121	6		71		26	260	35	15
Missouri.....	16	411	25	10	37	1	3	381	38	24
New Jersey.....	7	153	51		126		9	591		13
North Carolina.....	9	360	88		187	114	5	394	2	25
Pennsylvania.....	24	544		1	2,791	1	22	1,914	1	92
Porto Rico.....		68	80	9,859	126	3	2		0	15
Rhode Island.....		27	18		2,249			142	0	0
West Virginia.....	5	188	46		1,085		3	179	10	72

November, 1931		Cases	Mumps:	Cases
Colorado:			Alabama.....	28
Paratyphoid fever.....	1		Arkansas.....	27
Kansas:			Idaho.....	35
Chicken pox.....	352		Illinois.....	133
German measles.....	3		Indiana.....	176
Impetigo contagiosa.....	6		Maryland.....	186
Mumps.....	98		Missouri.....	22
Paratyphoid fever.....	2		New Jersey.....	166
Scabies.....	4		Pennsylvania.....	1,484
Septic sore throat.....	2		Porto Rico.....	10
Tetanus.....	2		Rhode Island.....	128
Trench mouth.....	1		Ophthalmia neonatorum:	
Tularaemia.....	7		Alabama.....	1
Undulant fever.....	7		Illinois.....	7
Vincent's angina.....	9		Maryland.....	4
Whooping cough.....	113		Minnesota.....	1
			Missouri.....	2
			Pennsylvania.....	18
			Porto Rico.....	20
			Rhode Island.....	1
			Paratyphoid fever:	
			Idaho.....	1
			Illinois.....	2
			New Jersey.....	1
			North Carolina.....	1
			Porto Rico.....	5
			Rhode Island.....	1
			Puerperal septicemia:	
			Illinois.....	20
			Pennsylvania.....	19
			Porto Rico.....	4
			Rabies in animals:	
			Illinois.....	3
			Maryland.....	3
			Missouri.....	2
			Rhode Island.....	1
			Rabies in man:	
			Illinois.....	2
			Scabies:	
			Maryland.....	10
			Septic sore throat:	
			Illinois.....	32
			Maryland.....	4
			Missouri.....	22
			North Carolina.....	12
			Rhode Island.....	3
			Tetanus:	
			Illinois.....	14
			Maryland.....	1
			New Jersey.....	1
			Pennsylvania.....	1
			Porto Rico.....	2
			Tetanus, infantile:	
			Porto Rico.....	4
			Trachoma:	
			Arkansas.....	1
			Illinois.....	10
			Indiana.....	1
			Missouri.....	29
			New Jersey.....	4
			Pennsylvania.....	4
			Porto Rico.....	11
			Trichinosis:	
			New Jersey.....	1

Tularaemia:	Cases	Vincent's angina:	Cases
Alabama.....	1	Illinois.....	27
Arkansas.....	1	Maryland.....	12
Illinois.....	54	Whooping cough:	
Indiana.....	11	Alabama.....	19
Maryland.....	9	Arkansas.....	22
Minnesota.....	3	Illinois.....	1,250
Missouri.....	13	Indiana.....	208
New Jersey.....	1	Maryland.....	637
Pennsylvania.....	3	Minnesota.....	96
Typhus fever:		Missouri.....	446
Alabama.....	11	New Jersey.....	738
North Carolina.....	1	North Carolina.....	552
Undulant fever:		Pennsylvania.....	1,984
Alabama.....	4	Porto Rico.....	106
Illinois.....	3	Rhode Island.....	28
Indiana.....	1	West Virginia.....	111
Maryland.....	3	Yaws:	
Minnesota.....	2	Porto Rico.....	9
Missouri.....	6		
New Jersey.....	2		
Pennsylvania.....	6		

*Cases of certain communicable diseases reported for the month of November, 1931  
by State health officers*

State	Chick- en pox	Diph- theria	Mea- sles	Mumps	Scarlet fever	Small- pox	Tuber- culosis	Ty- phoid and para- ty- phoid fever	Whoop- ing cough
Maine.....	103	17	782	10	139	0	40	16	80
New Hampshire.....		21			23	0		1	
Vermont.....	253	30	141	53	58	75	15	0	277
Massachusetts.....	488	243	390	627	906	0	437	15	474
Rhode Island.....	70	34	571	38	71	0	53	0	19
Connecticut.....	206	17	99	118	167	0	80	18	148
New York.....	1,439	419	904	398	1,787	70	1,471	100	1,109
New Jersey.....	524	134	122	87	499	1	384	21	641
Pennsylvania.....	2,504	508	1,352	1,108	1,603	0	607	242	1,743
Ohio.....	1,836	568	234	547	2,005	55	334	136	1,321
Indiana.....	408	361	138	63	415	31	222	27	137
Illinois.....	1,077	586	210	183	1,176	71	620	87	1,158
Michigan.....	763	210	326	310	787	64	257	48	694
Wisconsin.....	1,172	95	101	518	294	29	111	16	667
Minnesota.....	353	114	72		197	10	180	12	38
Iowa.....	363	83	13	14	201	258	33	16	111
Missouri.....	246	412	80	19	465	9	217	66	440
North Dakota.....	129	16	7	33	79	73	8	20	22
South Dakota.....	120	39	216	33	61	44	11	11	33
Nebraska.....	165	93	42	43	108	29	19	5	52
Kansas.....	352	311	102	98	282	31	68	14	113
Delaware.....	13	144	2	5	36	0	23	3	28
Maryland.....	250	289	21	123	432	0	147	94	509
District of Columbia.....	22	60	9		92	0	84	14	67
Virginia.....	419	1,335	211		729	6	126	130	738
West Virginia.....	283	228	730		249	2	65	152	213
North Carolina.....	389	691	184		714	4		64	536
South Carolina.....	84	340	38	58	62	1	113	43	72
Georgia.....	61	179	25	20	149		105	80	35
Florida.....	12	89	35	13	24	2	37	12	5
Kentucky <sup>1</sup> .....									
Tennessee.....	73	524	26	39	345	20	156	117	277
Alabama.....	67	397	26	22	247	2	295	89	61
Mississippi.....	238	391	27	45	154	44	75	40	302

<sup>1</sup> Reports received weekly.



*Cases of certain communicable diseases reported for the month of November, 1931,  
by State health officers—Continued*

State	Chick- en pox	Diph- theria	Mea- sles	Mumps	Scarlet fever	Small- pox	Tuber- culosis	Ty- phoid and para- ty- phoid fever	Whoop- ing cough
Arkansas.....	34	234	35	7	137	11	<sup>1</sup> 10	50	55
Louisiana.....	12	243	28	3	148	14	<sup>1</sup> 177	97	19
Oklahoma <sup>1</sup> .....	46	431	8	30	192	23	38	107	25
Texas.....		364			183			48	
Montana.....	174	18	571	4	127	6	53	11	60
Idaho.....	87	20		72	46	3	<sup>1</sup> 8	3	
Wyoming.....	31		6	20	31	2		1	18
Colorado.....		22			129			27	
New Mexico.....	118	78	9	17	51	1	38	37	2
Arizona.....	90	73	5	10	26	2	88	9	14
Utah <sup>1</sup> .....									
Nevada.....	2				5	0	<sup>1</sup> 1	0	11
Washington.....	442	50	135	97	235	58	179	22	62
Oregon.....	253	8	26	56	71	36	43	13	27
California.....	1,031	456	574	409	579	28	707	58	351

<sup>1</sup> Reports received weekly.<sup>2</sup> Pulmonary.<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

*Case rates per 100,000 population (annual basis) for the month of November, 1931*

State	Chick- en pox	Diph- theria	Measles	Mumps	Scarlet fever	Small- pox	Tuber- culosis	Ty- phoid and para- typhoid fever	Whoop- ing cough
Maine.....	203	26	1,188	15	211	0	61	24	122
New Hampshire.....		55			60	0		3	
Vermont.....	854	101	476	179	196	253	51		935
Massachusetts.....	138	69	110	177	256	0	124	4	134
Rhode Island.....	122	59	996	66	124	0	92		33
Connecticut.....	153	13	74	88	124	3	66	13	110
New York.....	136	40	86	38	169	7	139	9	105
New Jersey.....	154	39	36	26	146	0	113	6	188
Pennsylvania.....	313	63	169	138	200	0	76	30	218
Ohio.....	331	102	42	99	361	10	60	24	238
Indiana.....	152	134	51	23	154	12	82	10	51
Illinois.....	169	92	33	21	184	11	97	14	181
Michigan.....	186	51	80	76	192	16	63	12	169
Wisconsin.....	479	39	41	212	120	12	45	7	273
Minnesota.....	166	54	34		93	5	85	6	18
Iowa.....	178	41	6	7	99	127	16	8	54
Missouri.....	82	137	27	6	155	3	72	22	146
North Dakota.....	224	28	12	59	140	130	14	36	39
South Dakota.....	209	68	376	57	106	77	19	19	57
Nebraska.....	145	82	37	38	95	25	17	4	46
Kansas.....	226	200	66	63	181	20	44	9	73
Delaware.....	66	729	10	25	182	0	116	15	142
Maryland.....	184	213	15	90	318	0	108	69	441
District of Columbia.....	54	148	22		227	0	207	35	165
Virginia.....	209	667	105		364	3	63	65	369
West Virginia.....	195	157	504		172	1	45	105	147
North Carolina.....	146	259	69		268	1		24	201
South Carolina.....	59	237	26	40	43	1	79	30	50
Georgia.....	26	75	10	8	62	0	44	33	15
Florida.....	10	71	28	10	19	2	29	10	4
Kentucky <sup>1</sup> .....									
Tennessee.....	34	241	12	13	158	9	72	54	127
Alabama.....	30	180	12	10	112	1	134	40	28
Mississippi.....	142	234	16	27	92	26	45	24	180

<sup>1</sup> Reports received weekly.

*Case rates per 100,000 population (annual basis) for the month of November, 1931—Continued*

State	Chick- en pox	Diph- theria	Measles	Mumps	Scarlet fever	Small- pox	Tuber- culosis	Ty- phoid and para- typhoid fever	Whoop- ing cough
Arkansas.....	22	152	23	5	89	7	* 7	33	36
Louisiana.....	7	138	16	2	84	8	* 101	55	11
Oklahoma <sup>1</sup> .....	27	250	8	17	112	13	22	62	15
Texas.....		74			37			10	
Montana.....	394	41	1,292	9	237	14	120	25	136
Idaho.....	237	54		196	125	8	* 22	8	
Wyoming.....	164		32	106	164	11		5	93
Colorado.....		26			150			31	
New Mexico.....	333	220	25	48	144	3	107	104	6
Arizona.....	269	198	14	27	71	8	239	24	38
Utah.....									
Nevada.....	26				66	0	* 13		144
Washington.....	339	38	103	74	180	44	137	17	47
Oregon.....	316	10	32	70	89	45	54	16	34
California.....	211	93	117	84	118	6	145	12	72

<sup>1</sup> Reports received weekly.<sup>2</sup> Pulmonary.<sup>3</sup> Exclusive of Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

**PATIENTS IN INSTITUTIONS FOR THE CARE OF EPILEPTICS, JANUARY TO MARCH, 1930**

Reports for the first quarter of the year 1930 were received by the Public Health Service from 13 institutions for the care and treatment of epileptics, located in 13 States. The total number of patients, including those on parole or otherwise absent, but still on the books, on March 31, 1930, was 8,677.

The first admissions were as follows:

Month	Male	Female	Total
January, 1930.....	62	35	97
February, 1930.....	76	41	117
March, 1930.....	65	44	109
Total.....	203	120	323

Of the new admissions during the three months, 62.8 per cent were males and 37.2 per cent were females, giving a ratio of 169 males per 100 females.

During the quarter 120 patients were discharged—71 males and 49 females. Seventy-four male patients and 76 female patients died. The annual death rates, based on the total number of patients of the institutions on March 31, 1930, were: Males, 65.1 per 1,000; females, 75.8 per 1,000; persons, 70.1 per 1,000.

At the end of March there were 4,613 males and 4,064 females on the rolls of the institutions, giving a ratio of 114 males per 100 females

The following table shows for the 13 institutions the numbers of patients in the hospitals and on parole on January 1, 1930, and at the end of each month of the first quarter of the year:

	Jan. 1, 1930	Jan. 31, 1930	Feb. 28, 1930	Mar. 31, 1930
<b>Patients in hospitals:</b>				
Male.....	4,196	4,321	4,361	4,375
Female.....	3,827	3,867	3,897	3,909
Total.....	8,023	8,188	8,258	8,284
<b>Patients on parole:</b>				
Male.....	325	227	220	238
Female.....	215	169	151	155
Total.....	540	396	371	393
<b>Total patients on books:</b>				
Male.....	4,521	4,548	4,581	4,613
Female.....	4,042	4,036	4,048	4,064
Total.....	8,563	8,584	8,629	8,677
<b>Per cent of total patients on parole:</b>				
Male.....	7.2	5.0	4.8	5.2
Female.....	5.3	4.2	3.7	3.8
Total.....	6.3	4.6	4.3	4.5

#### GENERAL CURRENT SUMMARY AND WEEKLY REPORTS FROM CITIES

The 92 cities reporting cases used in the following table are situated in all parts of the country and have an estimated aggregate population of more than 33,460,000. The estimated population of the 85 cities reporting deaths is more than 31,903,000. The estimated expectancy is based on the experience of the last nine years, excluding epidemics.

*Weeks ended January 16, 1932, and January 17, 1931*

	1932	1931	Estimated expectancy
<b>CASES REPORTED</b>			
<b>Diphtheria:</b>			
46 States.....	1,740	1,331	
92 cities.....	561	465	889
<b>Measles:</b>			
45 States.....	5,739	5,959	
92 cities.....	1,786	2,050	
<b>Meningococcus meningitis:</b>			
46 States.....	70	144	
92 cities.....	31	68	
<b>Poliomyelitis:</b>			
46 States.....	38	69	
<b>Scarlet fever:</b>			
46 States.....	5,243	5,265	
92 cities.....	2,031	1,968	1,411
<b>Smallpox:</b>			
46 States.....	550	1,375	
92 cities.....	22	100	43
<b>Typhoid fever:</b>			
46 States.....	237	150	
92 cities.....	29	21	28
<b>DEATHS REPORTED</b>			
<b>Influenza and pneumonia:</b>			
85 cities.....	851	1,530	
<b>Smallpox:</b>			
85 cities.....	0	1	
Omaha, Nebr.....	0	1	

## City reports for week ended January 16, 1932

The "estimated expectancy" given for diphtheria, poliomyelitis, scarlet fever, smallpox, and typhoid fever is the result of an attempt to ascertain from previous occurrence the number of cases of the disease under consideration that may be expected to occur during a certain week in the absence of epidemics. It is based on reports to the Public Health Service during the past nine years. It is in most instances the median number of cases reported in the corresponding weeks of the preceding years. When the reports include several epidemics, or when for other reasons the median is unsatisfactory, the epidemic periods are excluded, and the estimated expectancy is the mean number of cases reported for the week during nonepidemic years.

If the reports have not been received for the full nine years, data are used for as many years as possible, but no year earlier than 1923 is included. In obtaining the estimated expectancy, the figures are smoothed when necessary to avoid abrupt deviation from the usual trend. For some of the diseases given in the table the available data were not sufficient to make it practicable to compute the estimated expectancy.

Division, State, and city	Chicken pox, cases reported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles, cases reported	Mumps, cases reported	Pneumonia, deaths, reported
		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported			
NEW ENGLAND								
Maine:								
Portland	11	0	2	1	0	134	0	7
New Hampshire:								
Concord	0	0	0		0	0	0	1
Manchester	0	0	0		0	0	0	3
Nashua	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Vermont:								
Barre		0						
Burlington	0	0	0		0	44	0	0
Massachusetts:								
Boston	84	35	17	8	5	8	19	12
Fall River	7	4	2	2	1	1	0	2
Springfield	12	5	0		0	5	22	3
Worcester	9	5	3		0	3	81	6
Rhode Island:								
Pawtucket	0	2	0		0	0	0	0
Providence	10	7	9		0	642	0	3
Connecticut:								
Bridgeport	1	6	0	1	1	1	0	3
Hartford	4	6	3	1	0	1	42	3
New Haven	24	1	0		0	0	27	3
MIDDLE ATLANTIC								
New York:								
Buffalo	38	12	1	1	2	13	0	28
New York	210	169	157	28	14	33	72	176
Rochester	8	6	1		0	57	24	3
Syracuse	25	2	0		0	9	11	7
New Jersey:								
Camden	8	8	7	1	1	1	1	3
Newark	59	17	4	5	0	1	37	13
Trenton	3	2	2		0	1	7	5
Pennsylvania:								
Philadelphia	128	64	5	9	5	7	20	46
Pittsburgh	53	19	9	1	4	139	43	12
Reading	23	1	0		0	2	0	8
Scranton	5		0		0	1	1	
EAST NORTH CENTRAL								
Ohio:								
Cincinnati	10	9	5	1	2	0	0	9
Cleveland	154	30	13	26	0	176	110	20
Columbus	22	4	6		0	2	0	3
Toledo	53	7	0	2	2	2	1	4
Indiana:								
Fort Wayne		4						
Indianapolis	36	7	1		0	1	63	11
South Bend	5	1	0		0	0	0	0
Terre Haute	1	1	0		0	0	0	3
Illinois:								
Chicago	112	104	48	62	2	46	3	45
Peoria	7		1		0	0	0	5
Springfield	4	0	2		0	0	4	1

## City reports for week ended January 16, 1932—Continued

Division, State, and city	Chicken pox, cases reported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Measles, cases reported	Mumps, cases reported	Pneumonia, deaths reported
		Cases, estimated expectancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported			
EAST NORTH CENTRAL—continued								
Michigan:								
Detroit.....	68	53	33	1	3	9	17	29
Flint.....	19	3	1		1	7	74	3
Grand Rapids.....	10	1	0		1	42	4	0
Wisconsin:								
Kenosha.....	9	0	0		0	0	1	0
Milwaukee.....	101	16	4		0	17	62	12
Racine.....	32	3	0		0	1	54	0
Superior.....	3	0	0		0	0	13	0
WEST NORTH CENTRAL								
Minnesota:								
Duluth.....	19	0	0		0	0	0	1
Minneapolis.....	41	16	5		1	3	47	7
St. Paul.....	13	5	0		0	1	2	6
Iowa:								
Davenport.....	2	1	2			0	1	
Des Moines.....	0	2	1			0	0	
Sioux City.....	4	1	4			0	0	
Waterloo.....	4	0	0			1	0	
Missouri:								
Kansas City.....	35	6	14		0	2	1	1
St. Joseph.....	6	1	1		0	0	0	4
St. Louis.....	15	41	12		0	1	2	11
North Dakota:								
Fargo.....	4	0	0		0	26	0	0
Grand Forks.....	0	0	0			0	0	
South Dakota:								
Aberdeen.....	7	0	0			16	0	
Nebraska:								
Omaha.....	11	4	4		0	0	2	7
Kansas:								
Topeka.....	6	2	6		0	1	2	0
Wichita.....	30	2	10		0	6	0	4
SOUTH ATLANTIC								
Delaware:								
Wilmington.....	2	2	0		0	0	1	3
Maryland:								
Baltimore.....	65	22	13	6	2	4	56	23
Cumberland.....	0	0	0		0	0	0	1
Frederick.....	1	0	2		0	1	0	0
District of Columbia:								
Washington.....	12	17	13		0	1	0	24
Virginia:								
Lynchburg.....	1	1	0		0	2	0	3
Norfolk.....	3	2	1		0	0	3	3
Richmond.....	0	6	6		1	0	0	4
Roanoke.....	3	2	4		1	1	0	1
West Virginia:								
Charleston.....	7	1	1		0	6	0	1
Huntington.....	0		2			1	0	
Wheeling.....	2	1	0		0	1	0	6
North Carolina:								
Raleigh.....		1						
Wilmington.....	1	1	1		0	0	0	1
Winston-Salem.....	44	1	2		0	0	1	
South Carolina:								
Charleston.....	1	1	1	16	0	0	0	0
Columbia.....	0	0	0		0	0	0	
Greenville.....	2	0	0			0	0	
Georgia:								
Atlanta.....	8	4	3	28	0	0	0	17
Brunswick.....	0	0	0		0	0	0	0
Savannah.....		3						
Florida:								
Miami.....	0	2	3	1	0	1	0	1
Tampa.....	0		0				0	



## City reports for week ended January 16, 1932—Continued

Division, State, and city	Chick- en pox, cases re- ported	Diphtheria		Influenza		Meas- les, cases re- ported	Mumps, cases re- ported	Pneu- monia, deaths re- ported
		Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases reported	Cases reported	Deaths reported			
EAST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Kentucky:								
Covington.....		1						
Lexington.....	2		1	1	0	1	12	1
Tennessee:								
Memphis.....		4						
Nashville.....	2	1	3		1	0	0	3
Alabama:								
Birmingham.....	4	5	5	3	1	0	5	7
Mobile.....	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	5
Montgomery.....	1	1	0	2		1	14	
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL								
Arkansas:								
Fort Smith.....	0	0	1			0	0	
Little Rock.....	0	1	1		1	2	0	6
Louisiana:								
New Orleans.....	0	13	17	6	4	0	0	9
Shreveport.....	3	1	3		0	18	1	4
Oklahoma:								
Muskogee.....	4		3			0	1	
Tulsa.....	3	2	4			1	1	
Texas:								
Dallas.....	5	9	12		0	1	0	7
Fort Worth.....	5	7	9		0	2	0	4
Galveston.....	0	1	6		1	0	0	1
Houston.....	0	8	16		1	0	1	3
San Antonio.....	1	3	3		2	1	0	14
MOUNTAIN								
Montana:								
Billings.....	0	0	0		0	3	0	0
Great Falls.....	5	0	0		0	1	0	2
Helena.....	0	0	0		0	52	0	0
Missoula.....	0	0	0		0	0	0	1
Idaho:								
Boise.....	0	0	0		0	0	1	0
Colorado:								
Denver.....	14	8	5		9	4	10	15
Pueblo.....	15	1	0		1	0	0	0
New Mexico:								
Albuquerque.....	3	0	2		0	0	0	1
Arizona:								
Phoenix.....	0		1		0	0	0	3
Utah:								
Salt Lake City.....	37	3	0		2	0	1	1
Nevada:								
Reno.....	0	0	0		0	0	0	2
PACIFIC								
Washington:								
Seattle.....	63	4	0			161	17	
Spokane.....	17	1	0			2	0	
Tacoma.....	5	3	1		0	1	3	5
Oregon:								
Portland.....	26	8	1	1	0	1	6	6
Salem.....	5	0	0	3	0	0	3	2
California:								
Los Angeles.....	86	36	45	108	5	0	6	43
Sacramento.....	13	3	1	1	1	89	0	13
San Francisco.....	49	14	4	14	5	33	1	7

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuber- culo- sis, deaths re- ported	Typhoid fever			Whoop- ing cough, cases re- ported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>											
Maine:											
Portland.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	32
New Hampshire:											
Concord.....	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Manchester.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
Nashua.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Vermont:											
Barre.....	0		0				0				
Burlington.....	1	2		2	0	1	0	0	0	0	11
Massachusetts:											
Boston.....	92	152	0	1	0	22	0	0	0	32	242
Fall River.....	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32
Springfield.....	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	30
Worcester.....	14	36	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	15	49
Rhode Island:											
Pawtucket.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Providence.....	16	23	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	21	80
Connecticut:											
Bridgeport.....	10	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	38
Hartford.....	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	42
New Haven.....	6	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	47
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>											
New York:											
Buffalo.....	27	76	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	35	142
New York.....	227	404	0	0	0	101	7	6	0	151	1,499
Rochester.....	10	86	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	8	84
Syracuse.....	13	26	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	102	54
New Jersey:											
Camden.....	6	50	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	39
Newark.....	25	19	0	0	0	15	0	1	0	58	101
Trenton.....	5	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	33
Pennsylvania:											
Philadelphia.....	97	150	0	0	0	24	2	1	0	276	451
Pittsburgh.....	36	65	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	43	157
Reading.....	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	37
Scranton.....		15		0				0		9	
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>											
Ohio:											
Cincinnati.....	22	50	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	8	131
Cleveland.....	44	61	0	0	0	20	1	2	0	172	182
Columbus.....	12	13	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	23	82
Toledo.....	14	7	2	0	0	8	0	0	0	62	68
Indiana:											
Fort Wayne.....	5		0				0				
Indianapolis.....	12	4	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	13	
South Bend.....	3	6	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	5	19
Terre Haute.....	2										

## City reports for week ended January 16, 1932—Continued

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuber- culo- sis, deaths re- ported	Typhoid fever			Whoop- ing cough, cases re- ported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		Cases, esti- mated expec- tancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		
WEST NORTH CEN- TRAL											
Minnesota:											
Duluth.....	11	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	15
Minneapolis.....	47	34	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	7	83
St. Paul.....	29	14	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	7	64
Iowa:											
Davenport.....	3	11	1	0			0	0		0	
Des Moines.....	8	6	2	1			0	0		0	33
Sioux City.....	3	0	0	0			0	0		3	
Waterloo.....	2	1	1	0			0	0		8	
Missouri:											
Kansas City.....	18	25	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	44	91
St. Joseph.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27
St. Louis.....	44	25	1	1	0	13	1	0	0	69	288
North Dakota:											
Fargo.....	3	5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4
Grand Forks.....	0	0	0	0			0	0		0	
South Dakota:											
Aberdeen.....	1	1	0	0			0	0		3	
Nebraska:											
Omaha.....	7	7	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	6	58
Kansas:											
Topeka.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	15
Wichita.....	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	35
SOUTH ATLANTIC											
Delaware:											
Wilmington.....	6	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	32
Maryland:											
Baltimore.....	34	45	0	0	0	14	2	1	0	144	230
Cumberland.....	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8
Frederick.....	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
District of Col.:											
Washington.....	26	23	0	0	0	9	0	2	0	15	167
Virginia:											
Lynchburg.....	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	12
Norfolk.....	3	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Richmond.....	7	23	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	4	51
Roanoke.....	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	17
West Virginia:											
Charleston.....	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	19
Huntington.....		0	0	0			0	0		0	0
Wheeling.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	26
North Carolina:											
Raleigh.....	1		1				0				
Wilmington.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	9
Winston-Salem.....	2	7	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	13	16
South Carolina:											
Charleston.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	14
Columbia.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Greenville.....		0	1	2				0		1	
Georgia:											
Atlanta.....	6	5	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	77
Brunswick.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Savannah.....	1		0				0				
Florida:											
Miami.....	3	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	31
Tampa.....	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	27
EAST SOUTH CEN- TRAL											
Kentucky:											
Covington.....	2		0				0				
Lexington.....		0		0	0	1		0	0	6	11
Tennessee:											
Memphis.....	8		1				1				
Nashville.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	34
Alabama:											
Birmingham.....	5	8	1	0	0	2	0	4	0	2	61
Mobile.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
Montgomery.....	1	3	0	0			0	0		4	

## City reports for week ended January 16, 1932—Continued

Division, State, and city	Scarlet fever		Smallpox			Tuber- culo- sis, deaths re- ported	Typhoid fever			Whoop- ing cough, cases re- ported	Deaths, all causes
	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		Cases, esti- mated expect- ancy	Cases re- ported	Deaths re- ported		
WEST SOUTH CENTRAL											
Arkansas:											
Fort Smith	1	0	0	0			0	0		3	
Little Rock	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Louisiana:											
New Orleans	7	9	0	3	0	13	3	2	1	2	137
Shreveport	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	4	28
Oklahoma:											
Muskogee		0		0				0		4	
Tulsa	2	5		1			0	0		2	
Texas:											
Dallas	7	11	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	59
Fort Worth	3	11	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	39
Galveston	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	16
Houston	2	7	3	2	0	7	0	0	1	0	76
San Antonio	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	83
MOUNTAIN											
Montana:											
Billings	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Great Falls	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Helena	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Missoula	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Idaho:											
Boise	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
Colorado:											
Denver	13	23	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	2	89
Pueblo	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	12
New Mexico:											
Albuquerque	1	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	15
Arizona:											
Phoenix	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Utah:											
Salt Lake City	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	41
Nevada:											
Reno	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
PACIFIC											
Washington:											
Seattle	10	5	2	0			0	0		7	
Spokane	8	1	3	0			0	0		0	
Tacoma	3	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Oregon:											
Portland	6	4	7	12	0	4	0	0	0	3	85
Salem	0	0		0	0	1		0	0	1	12
California:											
Los Angeles	40	48	3	3	0	16	1	0	0	10	326
Sacramento	2	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	43
San Francisco	19	8	2	1	0	12	1	0	0	0	163

## City reports for week ended January 16, 1932—Continued

Division, State, and city	Meningo- coccus meningitis		Lethargic en- cephalitis		Pellagra		Poliomyelitis (infan- tile paralysis)		
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases, esti- mated, expect- ancy	Cases	Deaths
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>									
Maine:									
Portland.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Massachusetts:									
Boston.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Worcester.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Connecticut:									
Hartford.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MIDDLE ATLANTIC</b>									
New York:									
Buffalo.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York <sup>1</sup> .....	5	2	2	2	0	0	1	1	0
Pennsylvania:									
Philadelphia.....	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>EAST NORTH CENTRAL</b>									
Indiana:									
Indianapolis.....	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Bend.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois:									
Chicago.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Michigan:									
Detroit.....	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Flint.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>									
Maryland:									
Baltimore.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina:									
Charleston <sup>2</sup> .....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
<b>EAST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>									
Tennessee:									
Nashville.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alabama:									
Birmingham.....	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
<b>WEST SOUTH CENTRAL</b>									
Louisiana:									
New Orleans.....	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Texas: <sup>2</sup>									
Dallas.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Houston.....	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>MOUNTAIN</b>									
Arizona:									
Phoenix.....	0	1	0	0	0	0		0	0
<b>PACIFIC</b>									
California:									
Los Angeles.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Francisco.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Typhus fever: 1 death at New York City, N. Y.<sup>2</sup> Dengue: 3 cases at Charleston, S. C., and 2 deaths at San Antonio, Tex.

The following table gives the rates per 100,000 population for 98 cities for the 5-week period ended January 16, 1932, compared with those for a like period ended January 17, 1931. The population figures used in computing the rates are estimated mid-year populations for 1931 and 1932, respectively, derived from the 1930 census. The 98 cities reporting cases have an estimated aggregate population of more than 34,000,000. The 91 cities reporting deaths have more than 32,400,000 estimated population.



Summary of weekly reports from cities, December 13, 1931, to January 16, 1932—  
Annual rates per 100,000 population, compared with rates for the corresponding  
period of 1930-31<sup>1</sup>

## DIPHTHERIA CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Dec. 19, 1931	Dec. 20, 1930	Dec. 26, 1931	Dec. 27, 1930	Jan. 2, 1932	Jan. 3, 1931	Jan. 9, 1932	Jan. 10, 1931	Jan. 16, 1932	Jan. 17, 1931
98 cities.....	103	<sup>2</sup> 94	72	71	<sup>2</sup> 72	80	<sup>2</sup> 83	81	<sup>2</sup> 88	74
New England.....	84	143	65	75	84	116	79	79	<sup>2</sup> 87	91
Middle Atlantic.....	71	62	57	47	56	68	50	63	82	56
East North Central.....	104	116	69	102	64	91	76	96	<sup>2</sup> 68	95
West North Central.....	187	89	134	54	130	83	131	98	106	82
South Atlantic.....	118	108	99	86	71	62	114	85	<sup>2</sup> 95	69
East South Central.....	157	84	111	84	<sup>2</sup> 107	72	162	117	<sup>2</sup> 82	70
West South Central.....	189	<sup>2</sup> 202	115	143	129	136	204	142	195	106
Mountain.....	96	18	26	62	44	62	<sup>2</sup> 136	35	43	52
Pacific.....	82	83	41	40	<sup>2</sup> 64	55	65	61	97	47

## MEASLES CASE RATES

98 cities.....	128	<sup>2</sup> 194	126	181	<sup>2</sup> 192	281	<sup>2</sup> 301	351	<sup>2</sup> 279	324
New England.....	637	271	945	305	1,207	268	1,706	490	<sup>2</sup> 1,916	310
Middle Atlantic.....	79	87	66	70	93	101	146	178	116	158
East North Central.....	60	28	32	27	93	55	142	62	<sup>2</sup> 182	87
West North Central.....	25	1,416	50	1,277	38	1,894	157	2,156	78	1,829
South Atlantic.....	26	138	14	124	79	322	53	435	<sup>2</sup> 35	500
East South Central.....	52	275	17	323	<sup>2</sup> 31	621	17	869	<sup>2</sup> 9	1,004
West South Central.....	44	<sup>2</sup> 18	41	24	64	24	43	20	73	7
Mountain.....	740	167	339	229	513	317	<sup>2</sup> 1,530	225	517	374
Pacific.....	294	6	250	16	<sup>2</sup> 445	24	784	33	544	55

## SCARLET FEVER CASE RATES

98 cities.....	214	<sup>2</sup> 234	187	222	<sup>2</sup> 226	231	<sup>2</sup> 274	277	<sup>2</sup> 317	316
New England.....	438	351	389	353	539	327	549	433	<sup>2</sup> 586	539
Middle Atlantic.....	202	206	205	190	240	229	286	242	380	282
East North Central.....	264	306	227	285	233	261	298	363	<sup>2</sup> 335	398
West North Central.....	138	279	126	246	115	238	229	297	220	321
South Atlantic.....	201	208	107	178	221	262	227	277	<sup>2</sup> 247	305
East South Central.....	157	197	157	341	<sup>2</sup> 119	299	235	399	<sup>2</sup> 109	470
West South Central.....	101	<sup>2</sup> 73	41	59	108	108	69	68	99	129
Mountain.....	261	300	113	379	209	220	<sup>2</sup> 351	322	259	331
Pacific.....	94	83	61	85	<sup>2</sup> 109	73	141	73	129	73

## SMALLPOX CASE RATES

98 cities.....	5	<sup>2</sup> 9	4	7	<sup>2</sup> 3	7	<sup>2</sup> 6	13	<sup>2</sup> 3	16
New England.....	55	0	14	0	12	0	26	0	<sup>2</sup> 2	0
Middle Atlantic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
East North Central.....	4	6	4	2	7	5	1	15	<sup>2</sup> 1	10
West North Central.....	4	48	10	43	4	46	6	63	17	98
South Atlantic.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	<sup>2</sup> 0	0
East South Central.....	0	0	0	0	<sup>2</sup> 0	0	23	6	<sup>2</sup> 0	18
West South Central.....	3	<sup>2</sup> 15	7	17	0	17	26	37	16	27
Mountain.....	0	115	0	35	9	9	<sup>2</sup> 11	9	9	78
Pacific.....	2	10	8	20	<sup>2</sup> 6	10	19	18	8	29

<sup>1</sup> The figures given in this table are rates per 100,000 population, annual basis, and not the number of cases reported. Populations used are estimated as of July 1, 1932, and 1931, respectively.

<sup>2</sup> Shreveport, La., not included.

<sup>3</sup> Covington, Ky., and Spokane, Wash., not included.

<sup>4</sup> Salt Lake City, Utah, not included.

<sup>5</sup> Barre, Vt.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Raleigh, N. C.; Savannah, Ga.; Covington, Ky.; and Memphis, Tenn., not included.

<sup>6</sup> Barre, Vt., not included.

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<sup>9</sup> Covington, Ky., not included.

<sup>10</sup> Covington, Ky., and Memphis, Tenn., not included.

<sup>11</sup> Spokane, Wash., not included.

Summary of weekly reports from cities, December 13, 1931, to January 16, 1932—  
Annual rates per 100,000 population, compared with rates for the corresponding  
period of 1930-31—Continued.

## TYPHOID FEVER CASE RATES

	Week ended—									
	Dec. 19, 1931	Dec. 20, 1930	Dec. 26, 1931	Dec. 27, 1930	Jan. 2, 1932	Jan. 3, 1931	Jan. 9, 1932	Jan. 10, 1931	Jan. 16, 1932	Jan. 17, 1931
98 cities.....	5	8	6	7	5	5	4	4	5	5
New England.....	7	10	2	2	12	2	2	5	0	0
Middle Atlantic.....	5	3	4	3	3	4	5	2	4	2
East North Central.....	1	9	2	12	4	4	2	2	2	2
West North Central.....	0	8	4	6	2	2	2	0	2	4
South Atlantic.....	10	12	14	16	6	4	8	10	14	10
East South Central.....	23	56	12	18	38	48	0	12	36	53
West South Central.....	34	26	44	0	3	3	13	20	10	14
Mountain.....	0	9	0	9	0	18	11	17	9	9
Pacific.....	2	6	4	6	11	8	4	2	0	2

## INFLUENZA DEATH RATES

91 cities.....	8	10	9	11	13	16	18	24	13	36
New England.....	5	2	7	2	2	7	10	5	17	10
Middle Atlantic.....	6	5	7	10	5	17	12	29	12	69
East North Central.....	6	10	5	7	10	7	14	12	5	9
West North Central.....	6	15	3	9	9	3	9	21	3	18
South Atlantic.....	12	20	12	24	18	20	35	28	8	42
East South Central.....	6	32	32	19	27	26	31	45	31	64
West South Central.....	17	23	24	32	45	93	30	76	30	79
Mountain.....	17	18	70	0	131	18	125	44	103	35
Pacific.....	14	10	7	17	14	10	23	22	26	10

## PNEUMONIA DEATH RATES

91 cities.....	106	111	101	126	121	164	144	187	126	219
New England.....	111	116	94	119	91	160	165	113	104	159
Middle Atlantic.....	116	127	101	126	126	184	148	233	133	311
East North Central.....	63	69	77	94	84	103	104	110	82	124
West North Central.....	103	96	118	117	103	180	131	200	119	212
South Atlantic.....	142	138	132	174	174	230	196	267	206	237
East South Central.....	120	110	113	149	151	207	169	267	156	229
West South Central.....	142	135	131	189	152	199	128	238	148	228
Mountain.....	200	220	226	194	165	264	329	244	181	270
Pacific.....	122	127	89	135	175	135	167	134	158	118

<sup>1</sup> Shreveport, La., not included.

<sup>2</sup> Covington, Ky., and Spokane, Wash., not included.

<sup>3</sup> Salt Lake City, Utah, not included.

<sup>4</sup> Barre, Vt.; Fort Wayne, Ind.; Raleigh, N. C.; Savannah, Ga.; Covington, Ky.; and Memphis, Tenn., not included.

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<sup>9</sup> Covington, Ky., and Memphis, Tenn., not included.

<sup>10</sup> Spokane, Wash., not included.

## FOREIGN AND INSULAR

### CANADA

*Quebec Province—Communicable diseases—Week ended January 16, 1932.*—The Bureau of Health of the Province of Quebec, Canada, reports cases of certain communicable diseases for the week ended January 16, 1932, as follows:

Disease	Cases	Disease	Cases
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	1	Mumps.....	85
Chicken pox.....	180	Poliomyelitis.....	6
Diphtheria.....	55	Scarlet fever.....	110
Erysipelas.....	7	Tuberculosis.....	44
German measles.....	2	Typhoid fever.....	21
Measles.....	322	Whooping cough.....	48

### LATVIA

*Communicable diseases—October, November, 1931.*—Cases of certain communicable diseases were reported in Latvia during the months of October and November, 1931, as follows:

Disease	Cases		Disease	Cases	
	October	November		October	November
Anthrax.....		1	Mumps.....	58	116
Botulism.....	1		Poliomyelitis.....	9	3
Cerebrospinal meningitis.....	2	7	Puerperal septicemia.....		14
Diphtheria.....	67	79	Scarlet fever.....	35	62
Erysipelas.....	28	16	Tetanus.....	4	2
Influenza.....	62	101	Trachoma.....	83	101
Leprosy.....	3		Typhoid fever.....	88	66
Measles.....	11	22	Whooping cough.....	57	71

### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

*Manila—Rat bite fever.*—According to information dated January 15, 1932, there was a mild outbreak of rat bite fever in Manila, P. I. Eight cases were identified bacteriologically, and it was thought that there were probably many more unrecognized cases. The distribution of the disease was said to be the same as the former distribution of plague.



## CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued

## CHOLERA—Continued

[C indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

Place	June 28- July 25, 1931	July 26- Aug. 22, 1931	Aug. 23- Sept. 19, 1931	Sept. 20- Oct. 17, 1931	Week ended									
					October, 1931					November, 1931				
					24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26
Indo-China (see also table below):														
Cochin-China—Rachgia														
Pnompenh	5	2	2	1			2							
Salgon and Cholon	14	1		1								P	1	
Indo:	7			1										
Abulkhazib			6											
Amara		2	66	4				3	3					
Amara Province		1	59	1				2	4				2	P
Basa			120	95				15		3				
Basa Province		547	263	157				8		2				
Dinwaniyah		287	154	84				10	1					
Dinwaniyah Province		5	53	42				7						
Iwaniyah		2	30	19				1						
Kut Province				61				1						
Muntadq Province				44				10						
Nadriyah				23				15						
Suqelshuyukh				17				3						
Japan: Taiwan—Kelung				12				2						
				209				9	1					
				145				17	3					
				88				6	2					
				75				3	7					
				2				6	0					
				2				2	7					





## CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued

## PLAGUE

[C indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

Place	July 26- Aug. 22, 1931	Aug. 23- Sept. 19, 1931	Sept. 20- Oct. 17, 1931	Week ended—														
				October, 1931			November, 1931				December, 1931							
				24	31		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23
Algeria:																		
Algiers.....	2																	
Philippeville.....	2																	
Azores:	1																	
San Miguel Island.....																		
Tercera Island.....																		
Belgian Congo.....																		
British East Africa (see also table below):																		
Tanganyika.....	8	4	13															
Uganda.....	2	4	5															
Canary Islands: Palma Island—Los Llanos.....	285	289	276	71			87	60	41	38								
.....	281	207	270	69			84	58	39	35	30							
Ceylon: Colombo.....																		
.....	6	3	4							1								8
.....	6	3	3							1								5
Plague-infected rats.....	8																	
Chile:																		
Santiago.....			1															
Plague-infected rats.....			1															
Valparaiso.....																		
China:																		
Shensi Provinces.....																		
Shensi Provinces.....																		
Dutch East Indies:																		
Batavia and West Java.....	58	65	113	28	34		38	39	44	39	40							
.....	58	65	113	28	34		38	39	44	39	40							
Java and Madura.....	205	233	325	97	133		132	150	182	171	167	212						





Place	June, 1931	July, 1931	August, 1931	September, 1931	October, 1931	November, 1931
British East Africa (see also table above):						
Kenya:						
Eccard:	154	484	235	14	64	44
Alamor Parish—Los Hoyos:				1	3	
Amalusa Parish—Cangochapa:					2	
Calvas Canton—				4	1	
Carfamauga:						
Ovargia:						
Celica Canton—Choras:						
Loja Canton—						
Lajas:						
Naimiro:				20		
Paterillo:						
Tuburo:						
Pallas Canton—San Antonio:						
Indo-China:	2	1		1	3	
Madagascar (see also table above):						
Ambositra Province:	15	1	2	1	8	
Antsirabe Province:	15	1	1	1	17	
Miarinarivo Province:	12	13	22	19	17	
Moramanga Province:	7	6	20	14	16	
Tananarive Province:	1	1	3	12	13	
Tananarive Province:	10	5	45	65	120	
Peru:	9	5	44	63	117	
Barranca—Chaney:	1	2	14	2		
Callao—Plague-infected rats:						
Chapen—Pacasmayo:						
Eten—Chichayo:						
Peru—Continued.						
Huancabamba—Ayacaba:						
Huauro—Chaney:						
Plague-infected rats:						
La Samana—Hualgayoc:						
Lima—Lima:						
Lima—Lima (haciendas):						
Pallas—Trujillo:						
Pallito—Hualgayoc:						
Patovilla—Chaney:						
Quispampa—Huancabamba:						
San Pedro—Pacasmayo:						
Supe—Chaney:						
Senegal:						
Baol:						
Dakar:						
Diourbel:						
Loug:						
Rufisque:						
Thies:						
Tivouane:						

1 Reports incomplete.



**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued**

## SMALLPOX

[○ indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

Place	Week ended—																											
	June 25, 1931		July 2, 1931		Aug. 23, 1931		Sept. 20, 1931		October, 1931		November, 1931				December, 1931				January, 1932									
	25, 1931	July 2, 1931	July 2, 1931	July 9, 1931	Aug. 23, 1931	Aug. 30, 1931	Sept. 6, 1931	Sept. 13, 1931	Sept. 20, 1931	Sept. 27, 1931	Oct. 4, 1931	Oct. 11, 1931	Oct. 18, 1931	Oct. 25, 1931	Nov. 1, 1931	Nov. 8, 1931	Nov. 15, 1931	Nov. 22, 1931	Nov. 29, 1931	Dec. 6, 1931	Dec. 13, 1931	Dec. 20, 1931	Dec. 27, 1931	Jan. 3, 1932	Jan. 10, 1932	Jan. 17, 1932	Jan. 24, 1932	
Algeria:																												
Algiers.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Constantine.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Brazil:																												
Porto Alegre (alastrim).....	41	34	43	46	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Santos.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rio de Janeiro.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
British East Africa: Tangaanyika.....	149	10	50	1, 164	5	97	5	97	5	97	5	97	5	97	5	97	5	97	5	97	5	97	5	97	5	97	5	97
British South Africa: Northern Rhodesia.....	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
Southern Rhodesia.....	21	26	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1
Canada:																												
Alberta.....	1	1	1	12	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
British Columbia.....	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Manitoba.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Winnipeg.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Nova Scotia.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Ontario.....	35	5	6	17	6	1	7	3	5	3	2	5	1	10	2	5	1	10										
Kingston.....																												
North Bay.....																												
Ottawa.....																												
Toronto.....																												
Quebec.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Seakatchewan.....	42	26	33	11	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Regina.....																												
Chile:																												
Antofagasta.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Santiago.....																												
Tocopilla.....																												



CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued

SMALLPOX—Continued

(C indicates cases; D, deaths; F, present)

Place	Week ended—																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																											
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Rumania (see table below)

Place	1931											
	June			July			August			September		
	1-10	11-20	21-31	1-10	11-20	21-31	1-10	11-20	21-31	1-10	11-20	21-31
Rumania (see table below).	1			3								
Siam.....	1			1								
Spain.....	7											
Straits Settlements.....												
Sudan (Anglo-Egyptian).....				32								
Syria (see table below).				6								
Turkey (see table below).												
Union of Socialist Soviet Republics (see table below).												
Union of South Africa:												
Cape Province.....												
Natal.....												
Orange Free State.....												
Transvaal.....												
Upper Volta.....												
Oh vessel.....												
Brazilian ship Jabotao at New Orleans from Brasil.												
S. S. Taif (pilgrim ship) at Suakin from Jeddah.												
S. S. Bellaco at Mobila, from Habana, Cuba, and Hull, England.												
Syria: Beirut.....												
Indo-China (see also table above).....	47	8					72					
Ivory Coast.....		4					26					
Syria: Beirut.....	1						4					
China: Harbin.....	13	10										
Chosen.....	1	4										
France.....	54	9					4					
Greece.....	3	1										
Mexico (see also table above).....	1	2										

1 Imported case.

## CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued

## TYPHUS FEVER

[C indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

Place	Week ended—																			
	June 28— July 25, 1931	July 26— Aug. 22, 1931	Aug. 23— Sept. 19, 1931	Sept. 20—Oct. 17, 1931	October, 1931				November, 1931				December, 1931				January, 1932			
					24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16			
Algeria:																				
Algiers.....				1				1	1									3		
Bone.....	2	2																		
Constantine Department.....	3	1	2	1				11	16	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Oren.....		1	1					1		1	1	2		2	1					
Bulgaria.....								1												
Chile:																				
Antofagasta.....	1								1											
Santiago.....							3	19		12	3									
China:																				
Manchuria—Harbin.....			1																	
Shanghai.....	3	1		1																
Chosen (see table below).....																				
Colombia: Cali.....			1																	
Czechoslovakia (see table below).....																				
Egypt:																				
Alexandria.....			2												3			1		
Behlra.....									1											
Cairo.....			1												1					
Gharbieh.....									1											
Greece (see table below).....																				
Guatemala (see table below).....																				
Irish Free State:																				
Cork County—																				
Schull.....	1																			
Donegal County—Stranorlar.....	1															2				
Limerick County—																				
Croom.....																				
Glin.....			2																	
Limerick.....			1														1			
Michelstown.....	2																			
Rathkeale.....	1			1																





**CHOLERA, PLAGUE, SMALLPOX, TYPHUS FEVER, AND YELLOW FEVER—Continued**

## YELLOW FEVER

[C indicates cases; D, deaths; P, present]

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**Ivory Coast:**

